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FINANCE BILL SENT BACK TO CABINET?

Congress Members Defer Decision

HOPES OF MODIFICATION IN NEW TAX PROPOSALS

Select Committee Reports And Minutes Of Dissent

NEW DELHI, March 19, (U.P.I.): It is understood that the Finance Bill as it has emerged from the Select Committees has been referred back to the Cabinet for discussion in the light of the minutes of dissent by all the Congress members in the Select Committee.

The Congress Party is further understood to be waiting for the Cabinet's reactions and then will decide their course of action.

Lobby talks indicate that some sort of 'via media' may be found to adjust the points of view of both the Congress and League in their approaches to the Finance Bill and this complications may be avoided.

The Finance Member, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, today presented in the Central Assembly the Select Committee's report on the Bills to impose special tax on certain class of income and amend the Indian Income-Tax Act, 1922. The report on the Bill to provide for investigation into matters relating to taxation of income will be presented on March 31 by Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan.

LIAQUAT'S CHANGING MIND

Minute Of Dissent On Profits Tax Proposals

NEW DELHI, March 19 (A.P.I.): The Finance Member Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan presented to the Assembly today the report of the Select Committee on the Business Profits Tax Bill which contains the main financial proposals of the budget.

The committee has made no change in the rate of the tax, which remains 25 per cent. But instead of the exemption of one lakh the Bill, as altered by the committee, now allows to public companies an abatement of 5 per cent of the paid up capital and reserves less investments exceeding borrowing and abatement of 6 per cent of a similar nature to private companies.

The exemption limit has also been raised to two lakhs in the case of Hindu undivided families and partnership firms. In respect of individuals the exemption limit remains at one lakh.

The report states that some members of the Committee suggested the reimposition of E.P.T. in lieu of the proposed Business Profits Tax but that Government was unable to accept the suggestion.

CONGRESS PARTY'S SUGGESTIONS

The Congress Party members in the Select Committee in a minute of dissent make 'inter alia' following suggestions: Revival of the E.P.T.; In place of 5 per cent of capital in respect of the large bulk companies and 6 per cent in respect of director-controlled companies suggested by the majority in the committee they would like seven and a half per cent to be substituted; method of computation of capital employed to be as laid down in schedule two of the E.P.T. Act and the incidence of the tax should be 12 and a half per cent of the taxable profits in place of 25 per cent.

Another suggestion by the Congress

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Cabinet To Back Royal Romance?

LONDON, March 19, (A.P.A.): An informed Whitehall source said today that there was reason to believe that the British Cabinet would not object to a marriage between Princess Elizabeth and the former Prince Philip of Greece.

FRISCO CHARTER IN CENTRAL ASSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, March 19 (A.P.I.): In the Central Assembly to-day Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru introduced a Bill to enable effect to be given to certain provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 41 of the Charter, which has been ratified by the Government of India, reads:—"The Security Council may decide what measures, not involving the use of armed force, are to be employed to give effect to its decisions, and it may call upon the members of the United Nations to apply such measures. These may include complete or partial interruption of economic relations and of rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic, radio and other means of communication and the severance of diplomatic relations. "The Bill will enable the Government of India to apply effectively the measures which the Security Council may call upon it to put into force.

Pandit Nehru also introduced a Bill to give effect to the Convention on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations.

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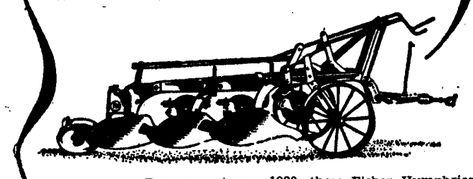

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Pandit Nehru arrives at Lahore to visit the riot affected areas.

MARATHON BATTLE ON PUBLIC SAFETY BILL

Bombay Assembly Holds Day And Night Session

BOMBAY, Thursday.

At 1 a.m. this morning the sitting of the Bombay Legislative Assembly which commenced at 11-30 a.m. on Wednesday had not ended.

This unprecedented marathon sitting, unique in its history, was the result of the determination of the Government to push the Public Safety Bill through the House so that it could be enacted and become law by March 24, when the Public Safety Ordinance expires.

In the course of ten hours of incessant 'debate'—if 'debate' it could be called—Mr. Morarji Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue and Minister-in-Charge of the Bill, intervened to give a few brief replies. The entire time taken up by him did not exceed half an hour. No other member from the Congress benches spoke. The rest of the time was taken up by an avalanche of criticisms, attack and abuse that was hurled at Government by Opposition speakers.

OPPOSITION TACTICS

Every devise known to parliamentary procedure was adopted by the Opposition to stall and delay the progress of the Bill, although its ultimate adoption could never be in doubt in view of the very heavy voting strength of Government supporters.

As many as four points of order were raised, the most intriguing one being that raised by Mr. A. A. Khan who, as the clock went past the midnight hour, rose to assert that March 19 which had been fixed for the debate on the Bill was past and, therefore, its further consideration should stop.

Mr. S. N. Angadi, Deputy Speaker, who was in the chair at the time turned down the point of order.

Division was challenged on half a dozen different occasions before midnight. The Speaker, Mr. S. K. Patodia, and the Deputy Speaker who presided by turns granted full divisions thrice and on the other occasions allowed only summary procedure to be followed. The highest support the Opposition could muster was 22 and the lowest votes cast for Government was 75.

LIVELY AFFAIR

The night session proved a lively affair. Members had come armed with warm vests and even shawls and dozed off in the House or in the lobbies. Mr. Dange had his usual quip about this fact when he suggested that the bell should be rung to wake up "sleeping democracy."

But by midnight, as eyes grew sleepy, the proceedings began to drag. Even the ever alert Secretary of the Chamber, Mr. S. K. Sheode, once forgot to ring the division bell and Congress members including the Ministers who had stood up had to sit down again and wait for the bell to do its minutes.

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IMPORT & EXPORT CONTROL

NEW DELHI, March 19 (A. P. I.): The Assembly to-day passed the Commerce Member's Bill to continue for a limited period powers to prohibit or control imports and exports, as reported by the Select Committee. The amendments were either rejected or withdrawn.

Replying to the debate, Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Commerce Member, said that he agreed with the principle that normally import control should not be imposed to protect industries. Government would be reluctant to adopt this method, but they must have authority to act as they considered fit under different circumstances. Import control would not be allowed to affect the efficiency of Indian industries and if it was felt that tools and other things of sufficiently high quality were not being manufactured in this country, they would be imported from other countries.

Several export and import control orders were being reconsidered every fortnight or sometimes even every week and whenever it was found that a particular control was no longer necessary, it was withdrawn. Even when the control was withdrawn, sometimes circumstances arose when it became necessary to reimpose it.

The legislation was very necessary at the present moment when, due to a combination of several factors, our economy was in a transition period from wartime to peacetime economy. Without the powers which the Bill purported to confer on Government, it would be impossible to maintain the economy of the country. Government would take every care to see that the powers were not abused.

Mr. B. K. Gokhale, Secretary, Works, Mines and Power, moved consideration of the Bill to make better provision for the control of rents in certain areas of the provinces of Delhi and Ajmer-Merwara, as reported by the Select Committee.

Mr. Gokhale said that nothing that was done in the Select Committee should in any way discourage private building activity, which after all was the real solution of the problem of acute shortage of houses in Delhi. The Committee had steered a middle course between the conflicting interests of landlords and tenants and tried to be fair to all concerned. The Bill should be judged as a whole against this background. He reiterated his assurance that Government were committed only to the principle of rent control and would be guided on all other matters by the wishes of the Select Committee and the House.

He explained the various provisions of the Bill in detail and had not concluded when the House rose for the day.

NAICKER AND DADOO MEET NEHRU

NEW DELHI, March 19, (A.P.I.): Dr. Naicker and Dr. Dadoo, South African Indian leaders met Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru today at the Secretariat and had a brief discussion with him on the question of Indians in South Africa.

Later they left for Patna to meet Mahatma Gandhi.

STOP PRESS

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY
BOMBAY, Thursday.

The non-stop night sitting of the Bombay Assembly had not yet ended at the time of going to press.

Exclusive of the intervals for lunch, tea and dinner it had put in a dozen hours of solid work.

The Home Member accepted one solitary amendment moved by Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin. This was with regard to the punishment for breach of an order prohibiting or restricting camps, parades or drill of a military character. The amendment reduced the punishment awardable in such cases from five years to one year.

Quite a large number of members found it impossible to resist sleep and were sleeping away lying on the sofas in the lobbies and in a room near the Chamber. At 2-30 A.M. when a division was called, Mr. Wamanrao Mukkadam, the energetic Chief Whip of the Congress Party was indefatigably running about waking up the sleepers!

INTER EXAMS. POSTPONED.

MADRAS, March 19, (A. P. I.): It is understood the Intermediate Examination on "Shakespeare and Poetry" scheduled to begin tomorrow has been postponed by the Madras University due to a suspected leakage of the examination paper. No official announcement has however been made so far by the University.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
NEW YORK, March 19.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted, General Motors $59-3/8.
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United States Steel Preference $146-1/2.—(Reuter).

Viceroy's Assent To Punjab Governor's Measure

DEATH SENTENCE FOR ACTS LEADING TO RIOTING

More Powers To Police Officials And Magistrates

LAHORE, March 19, (A.P.I.): To suppress disorder and to restore and maintain public order in the disturbed areas of the Province, the Governor of the Punjab has enacted an act called the Punjab Disturbed Areas Act.

The act provides for the punishment of death for offences of attempted murder, abduction, rape, dacoity and arson committed in the disturbed areas, notwithstanding any punishment prescribed in the Indian Penal Code.

AREAS COVERED

A Punjab Gazette notification declares as disturbed areas the districts of Rawalpindi, Attock, Jhelum, Gujrat, Mianwali, Shahpur and Multan, the Lahore Corporation area and the Lahore Cantonment, the Municipalities and Cantonments of Amritsar, Julundur and Sialkot and the Municipalities of Ludhiana and Hoshiarpur.

Viceroy Gives Assent

A New Delhi message says:—

A Governor-General's Ordinance giving effect to the Punjab disturbed Areas Act is being promulgated tonight. A Press Note issued here says: "In the dangerously disturbed state of the Punjab, created by recent communal disturbances, the Governor of the Province has found it necessary to promulgate an act (entitled "the Punjab Disturbed Areas Act, 1947) to deal effectively with the forces of disorder.

DEATH SENTENCE

Under this Act, the Governor has power to declare by notification that the whole of the Province or any part so specified will be a "disturbed area", the effect of which will be that in any such area offences of attempted murder, rape, kidnapping and abduction, robbery and dacoity, and destruction of houses and places of worship by fire or explosives will be punishable with death. Attempts to commit these offences and their abetment are likewise made punishable with death.

POWER TO OPEN FIRE

The Act provides also that any Magistrate and any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector may, for the maintenance of public order, fire upon persons contravening any order prohibiting the assembly of five or more persons or the carry of weapons, and indemnifies such officers from prosecution for anything that they may do in the exercise of these powers.

Powers To Army And Air Force Personnel

It has been found necessary to give powers similar to those mentioned in Paragraph 2 above to Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Army or Air Force operating in those areas; to enable them to arrest without warrant any person who has committed a cognizable offence or against whom there is reasonable suspicion that he has committed or is about to commit a cognizable offence; and, further, to enable them to enter and search without any warrant any premises in order to effect such an arrest, or to recover any person believed to be wrongfully confined, or any property reasonably suspected to be stolen property or any arms believed to be unlawfully kept in such premises.

HAZARA RAIDERS ENTER PUNJAB

LAHORE, March 19 (A.P.I.): Mr. MacDonald, Home Secretary, Punjab Government, informed Associated Press of India that the communal situation throughout the Province was steadily improving, though tension still continued everywhere. He added that no fresh outbreaks in any part of the Province had been reported today.

It is learnt that on receipt of reports from the district that some Pathans from Hazara and the Indus side were crossing over to the Punjab territory. The Punjab Government have drawn the attention of the Frontier Government to these reports.

DR. KHAN SAHIB DENIES IT

PESHAWAR, March 19, (A.P.I.): Dr. Khan Sahib, Premier of the North-West Frontier Province told the "A. P. I." today that men from N.-W.F.P. "have not crossed river Indus in large numbers to raid villages in North-West Punjab."

Dr. Khan Sahib pointed out that it was most difficult to check individuals crossing the Indus but he was definite that no appreciable numbers of Frontier men had crossed the Indus.

ATTEMPTED ARSON IN LAHORE

LAHORE, March 19 (A.P.I.): In Lahore there was an attempted arson in Naughara Bazar last night, but no damage was done and it is not at all clear who was responsible for it probably a mischief monger of either community, says a Communique issued by the Punjab Government at 5 p.m.

The body of a railway workman was found in the fields behind the Sikh National College and it appears he was assaulted on his way home from work some time after 9 o'clock.

In Amritsar all continues quiet, as in Sheikhupura, Sialkot and Gurdaspur.

BRITISH TROOPS ON SCENE

The situation in Ferozepore itself is unchanged, Tension in Mukatsar is on the increase following the spread of further rumours. British troops marched through Moga and Nihalsinghwala on the 18th. Another column has left for Mukatsar to-day.

SHOP BURNT IN MULTAN

In Multan one shop was burnt near the District Court on the night of 18/19th but it appears to have been an accidental fire. The Brigadier, the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police toured a large part of the district on the 18th.

Muzaffargarh District was all quiet.

In Montgomery the situation is still tense but is improving. Nine arrests have been made of "goondas" and a company of troops is undertaking flag marches from to-day.

In Lyallpur troops have been sent to Toba Tek Singh and Kamalia areas to carry out flag marches there.

Rawalpindi seems to be returning to normal, but Hindus are reluctant to resume business. Gujarkhan Tahsil is now under control and the northern part of Kahuta is rapidly being brought under control too.

Everything is quiet in Gujrat, Shahpur and Jhelum.

In Mianwali the general situation is easier and is under control.

HEAVY CASUALTIES IN ATTOCK DISTRICT

From reports received from Attock District, it is evident that casualties in the rural areas have been very large and it is clear that the local inhabitants have been helped in their misdeeds by raiders from across the frontier; 1,500 refugees are reported to have collected at Adhwal and military are arranging for their evacuation to Rawalpindi. Twenty-five hundred refugees are estimated to be at Campbellpur, another 500 at Basa, 1,500 at Jand, 1,000 at Pindigheb, and 1,200 at Fatjang. In addition about five to six thousand are at Panja Sahib. The situation generally is under control, but danger persists in the western part of Pindigheb Tahsil and in the northern part of Talagang.

NISHTAR MEETS G.O.C.

A Rawalpindi message says:—

Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar, Communications Member, Government of India, met the General Officer Commanding General Sir Frank Messervy yesterday and discussed with him the communal situation in the Punjab.

MOUNTBATTEN'S FAREWELL PARTY AT INDIA HOUSE

LONDON, March 18 (Reuter): The Indian High Commissioner in London, Sir Samuel Rungamadhan and Lord Pathick-Lawrence were among the many distinguished guests who attended a farewell reception given here to-night by the Viceroy-Designate of India, Viscount Mountbatten and Viscountess Mountbatten, who leave for New Delhi on Thursday morning by air.

Among the guests were the Duke of Gloucester, brother of King George VI, Mr. John Bellenger, Secretary for War and Lord Alan Brooke, Britain's wartime Chief of Imperial General Staff.

Gen. Ismay Will Exercise No Military Functions

NEW DELHI, March 19 (A.P.I.): A Press Note says: Reports appearing in some sections of the Indian Press describe General Lord Ismay as Military Adviser to the Viceroy-Designate. This is incorrect.

Lord Mountbatten's "operation blue-print" for India.—See page 4.

Gen. Ismay is accompanying Lord Mountbatten as Chief of the Viceroy's Staff and will exercise no military functions whatsoever.

Mamdot Invites Tara Singh

A public invitation to Master Tara Singh to help him in forming a true and genuine Peace Committee is extended by Khan of Mamdot, President of the Punjab Muslim League, in a Press statement.

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Congress Govt.'s Battle For Public Safety

Morarji Says Amendments Would Nullify Effectiveness Of Measure

Bombay Assembly's Marathon Session To Pilot Bill

Faced with the necessity of enacting into law the Public Safety Bill in time to replace the Public Safety Ordinance which will expire on March 24, the Bombay Legislative Assembly held one of its longest sessions on Wednesday.

With as many as seventy amendments on the order paper, the House took them up for consideration in batches.

The first batch to be taken comprised amendments to clause two conferring on Government powers to make orders for detaining, or restricting movements or actions of any person when he was acting in a manner prejudicial to the public safety, the maintenance of public order, or the tranquillity of the Province or any part thereof.

PLEA FOR ADVISORY BOARDS

The first amendment moved by Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin would have the effect of setting up a Provincial Advisory Body as a whole and Local Advisory bodies for particular areas, who would be consulted before Government took any action under the provisions of the Bill.

NEED FOR INQUIRY BEFORE TAKING ACTION

Mr. B. B. Chakranarayan moved an amendment which stipulated that before an executive officer passed any order against any person, there should be an enquiry and the person affected should be given an opportunity to show cause why the contemplated order should not be served on him.

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin also moved a set of amendments which would have a similar effect. He also moved amendments for the deletion of two of the sub-clauses which empowered police authorities to take parole from persons and prohibiting or restricting the possession or use by them of such articles as the order might specify.

NO NEWS BLACK-OUT

Mr. S. L. Karandikar moved an amendment calling for the deletion of a provision which empowered the restriction of the activities of a person "in relation to the dissemination of news or propagation of opinion."

Mr. Karandikar argued that this constituted an attempt on the part of the police to enforce a news black-out. In particular, he wanted an assurance that the legitimate activities of 'bona-fide' journalists was not sought to be restricted under this provision.

Mr. A. S. Shaikh supporting the amendments said that whether it was a Congress Government or any other Government, condemning its subjects without hearing their case was tantamount to pure dictatorship. A man should be handed to the bar of justice and then punished if the allegations against him were proved.

Mr. Dange supporting the amendment moved by Mr. Karandikar apprehended that the legitimate rights of the workers to carry on propaganda for securing their rights would be interfered with by the proposed legislation. He said no democratic machinery was provided for to decide what type of propaganda would be illegal.

The amendments were supported by Messrs. S. M. Hassan, A. A. Kittur and Haji Hasanali P. Ebrahim.

MORARJI'S OPPOSITION

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, opposing the amendments, said that while framing the legislation Government had thoroughly examined the various points raised during the debate. The proposed amendments would make the legislation quite ineffective and defeat its very purpose.

It was out of a sense of realism and not out of panic that Government had resorted to this measure. The various incidents in this province and outside were a sufficient indication of the temper and mood of a certain section of people, who wanted a change in the present form of Government and also in the set up of the society.

The Minister said that the Government had carefully considered the question of setting up an Advisory Committee, as proposed in one of the amendments. In the event of an emergency the Government would have to pass necessary orders immediately to face the situation and could not waste time consulting members of the said committee.

PEACEFUL PROPAGANDA

The Government had no intention of interfering with the legitimate right of workers to propagate or agitate for their demands as was apprehended by Mr. Dange. The only consideration that weighed with the Government was that their propaganda should be peaceful and should not lead to violence. Neither did the Government intend to muzzle the press nor to interfere with the ordinary functions of journalism, so long as it did not endanger public peace and tranquillity.

The Minister further assured that the Government had no intention to interfere with the legitimate and peaceful preaching of any religion. Under the garb of religion people were preaching hatred and violence and that had to be curbed, Mr. Desai said. The Government did not desire to suppress the liberty of any political party nor to effect any change in the ideology of any section or party. However, the Government would see that no ideology of any party, whether pro-Pakistan or anti-Pakistan, was achieved by violent means.

AMENDMENTS LOST

The Minister assured that necessary precautions would be taken to see that the powers with the Executive would not be abused. Even he himself had to take counsel of the whole Cabinet in all the important decisions. "It is not possible to abdicate the power given by the will of the majority and that is the only standard of democracy in this or any other country", he said.

All these amendments were lost.

Mr. Dange in another amendment wanted to bring black-marketeers, landlords and capitalists who refused to pay adequate wages to workers, money-lenders who demanded usurious rates of interest, Police officers or even a Minister who threatened to terrorise the people in their struggle for legitimate demands by use of force, under the operation of the Bill. They should be deemed as acting in a manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public safety. The amendment was lost.

An amendment, moved by Mr. Shamsuddin, seeking to limit the period of detention of any person for fifteen days was thrown out by the House.

Mr. Karandikar's amendment that any person who had been detained under the legislation should be entitled to get from the Government reasonable monthly allowance for the maintenance of his dependents was also lost.

Night Session Opens

The night session opened with a point of order raised by Mr. A. A. Khan, leader of the Opposition. He said that list two of the Seventh Schedule of the Government of India Act empowered Provincial Legislatures to enact measures dealing with "public order". The present measure, however, purported to legislate for "public safety" as well as the preservation of peace and tranquillity."

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. S. N. Angadi, who was in the Chair, ruled that on a common sense view "public order" included "public safety" as well as the preservation of peace and tranquillity.

CLAUSE TWO

Mr. Khan opposing Clause (2) of the Bill as a whole said that it was no better than the Rowlatt Act. Therefore, he asserted that the present Government was not merely a free rendering but a word to word translation of the foreign Governments. The Clause, however, was passed without a division.

Mr. A. S. Gandhi and Mr. S. A. Dange moved two similar amendments to Clause (3) providing that when a person is detained the Government should communicate to him the grounds on which the order has been made, without necessarily disclosing all facts, to enable him to make a representation to Government. The amendments wanted that detailed information regarding all facts should be disclosed to him.

Mr. Dange recalled that the demand for detailed information was exactly what was asked for by Congress Detenus, in 1943 when under the Defence of India Rules, they were asked to show cause why their detention should not be continued.

Mr. S. M. Hassan, Mr. A. S. Shaikh and Mr. A. H. Mirza also supported the amendments.

MORARJI'S REPLY

Mr. Morarji Desai in a brief reply pointed out that the action contemplated in the Bill was taken in an emergency. Therefore, there could be no question of advance information. Hence it was provided that Government should communicate the grounds to the person concerned after his detention. The Clause clearly laid down that the particulars disclosed should be such as were sufficient to enable a person to make a representation. The only exception was in the case of information which Government considered it against public interest to disclose.

AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSE 5

Mr. S. A. Dange moved a series of amendments to Clause (5) deleting with the Control of essential services. It empowers Government to direct any person employed in any service declared to be essential not to depart out of any specified area or to abandon such employment. The amendments sought to secure to the workers the right of notice and adjudication. They also imposed similar restrictions on employers.

Mr. Dange argued that the Clause constituted an attack against the elementary right of the worker to give up any employment if he so chose or if he found the conditions unsatisfactory. This was nothing more than a reversion to bonded slavery.

Mr. Morarji Desai said that the Clause was not at all intended to apply to ordinary economic strikes. It was only to be used in times of emergency, when the public would be put to great inconvenience if certain essential services were not maintained.

Nehru Thanks Yugoslav Delegation To U. N. O.

BELGRADE, March 19. (Reuter): Pandit Nehru has sent a telegram to M. Stanoye Simitch, Yugoslav Foreign Minister, thanking the Yugoslav delegation to the General Assembly of U.N.O. for its attitude on the question of Indians in South Africa.

DEMAND FOR GOLD, STRONGER TODAY

Anderson Confident, It Will Return To Its Monetary Use

NEW YORK, March 18 (Reuter): Worldwide demand for gold is stronger to-day than ever before, Mr. P. Anderson, Managing Director of the Union Corporation of Johannesburg, told the world conference on mineral resources here to-day.

He said that where the public is permitted to buy gold as in India and Egypt, the price has risen to 90 dollars or more per ounce. Switzerland tried to issue gold coins but stopped when coins disappeared from circulation. World supply of gold will continue to grow at between two and three per cent yearly against world trade expansion increase of some four per cent yearly.

Mr. Anderson added that he was "confident" that gold will return to its monetary use gradually and that "experience teaches the lesson that freedom of enterprise and use of gold are closely related."

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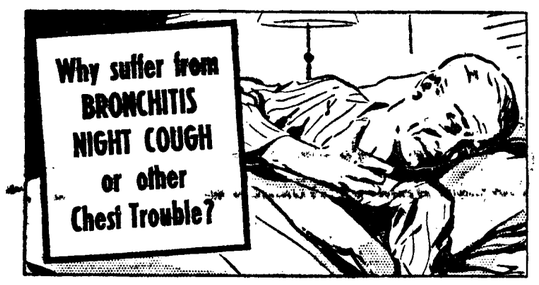

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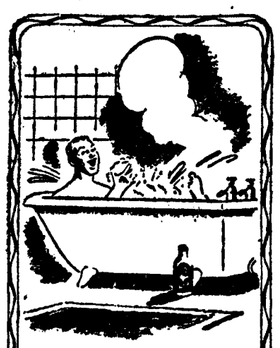

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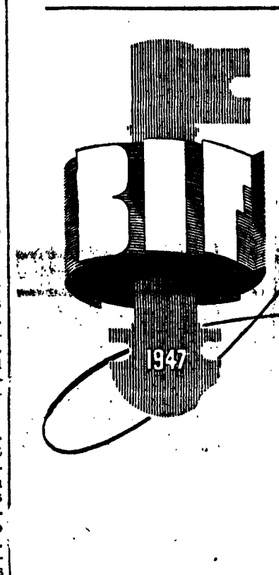

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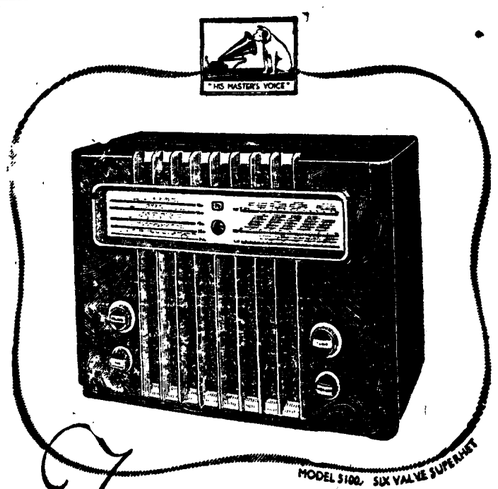

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Lowtide: 06-11, 16-42.

To-day's Engagements

YOUTH LODGE: Mr. Shambu Dayal will speak on the teachings of Buddha today (Thursday), at 6-15 p.m., in Besant Hall, Blavatsky Lodge.

NAVROZ CELEBRATION AT MAZDAZNAN: Tomorrow (Friday), at 6-40 a.m., Sunrise Prayer Meeting for Navroz Celebration at Alexandra Girls' High School, Waudby Road. Dasturji Bode and others will speak. Dasturji Bode will lead Hambandagi and give Navroz blessings. At 6 p.m., Social Evening and Entertainment.

MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Reception to Mr. G. V. Puranik, Vice-President of the Chamber, today (Thursday), at 2-0 p.m., when he will give a short talk on his impressions of recent tour in England, America and some European countries, where he had gone with Indian Industrial Delegation.

PARSI MATRIMONIAL COURT: Election of 9 candidates at 4-30 p.m., at Sir J. J. P. B. Institute.

TOPIWALA NATIONAL MEDICAL COLLEGE: Lecture by Dr. S. Patrao, on "Medicine Then and Now", today (Thursday), at 3-30 p.m., at Dhanraj Hall. Dr. D. D. Variava, Dean, will preside.

A. I. MUSLIM LEAGUE NATIONAL GUARDS: Annual athletic sports, today (Thursday), at 2 p.m., at Cooperage. Mr. Hasan A. Shaikh will preside, Mr. Jinnah will give away the prizes.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST EMPLOYEES' UNION: Annual meeting today (Thursday), at 6 p.m., at "Port Trust Kamgar-Sadan", Nawab Tank Road, Mazagon.

BOMBAY PRARTHANA SAMAJ: Today (Thursday), at 6-30 p.m., Mr. D. V. Shrikhande will deliver a lecture in English on "Search of Idealism in Human History" in the Prarthana Samaj Hall.

Indian Language Newspapermen To Meet On April 18

A special meeting of members of the Indian Languages Newspapers will be held at Madras on Friday, 18th April, at 8 p.m., in the office of the Subhodaya Publications, Ltd., 38, Mount Road, Madras, when questions affecting the interests of the Indian Language Press will be discussed.

Result Of Hindustani Examinations

The result of the Hindustani examinations held in February in Bombay will be available today (Thursday), at 8-30 p.m., at Gulabbai Kanyashala opp. Kalbadevi Khadi Bhundar.

Weather News For Farmers

FORECAST TILL FRIDAY MORNING:—Dry weather mainly.

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SENSATIONAL BANK CRASH IN CITY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A decade after the Travancore National and Quilon Bank failed, another, indigenous bank, the Associated Banking Corporation of India (Ltd.) has come to grief in the very same premises.

The A.B.C., as this institution is familiarly known had considerable deposits nearly 3½ crores and in spite of a tremendous and unprecedented run on its coffers met all its commitments until yesterday.

Only this morning when its resources had exhausted it was decided to suspend payments from today.

Efforts were, however, made at noon to approach the High Court for an order granting moratorium.

There was a flutter in the City's commercial quarters as soon as the bank suspended payment and anxious depositors who rushed for a final try at withdrawing their monies had to go back disappointed.

The bank's present financial crisis could be tided over if a moratorium is declared, said a spokesman to a reporter of this paper.

The 1946 balance sheet of the bank contained the following names in the Board of Directors, Cassumally Munjee, Chairman, Sir Fazl Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Prince Duleepsinghji of Nawanagar, Mohamed C. Munjee, Ganibhai Ahmed Abdul Karim Mania, Tarmohamed Abdulla A. Motiwalla the Hon. Mr. Shuaib Qureshi, M. C. Javeri and Sultan C. Munjee.

GOVT. AID TO ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY LIBRARY

As the Royal Asiatic Society's library promises to be the nucleus of the development of a proper library system in this provinces, the Government of Bombay have decided to give financial assistance to the Society for the preservation of books many of which are rare and irreplacable.

There are about 50,000 volumes or files in various stages of disrepair and every year adds to that number. It is estimated that the books to be completely rehabilitated would require at least Rs. 1,50,000 and that it would be possible to finish the work in a period of about 15 years. It is proposed to sanction to the Society a grant of Rs. 1,50,000 in all for this purpose at the rate of Rs. 10,000 per annum. An annual grant of Rs. 10,000 is being paid to the Society for the same purpose from the year 1944-45.

The Late Rao Bahadur M. V. Pradhan

Rao Bahadur Moreshwar Vishwanath Pradhan, ex-Member, Bombay Legislative Assembly, J.P. and Honorary Magistrate, ex-President of the Bandra Municipality, a prominent member of the Pathare Prabhu community, passed away at Santa Cruz on the 17th instant after a short illness at the age of 70. He was the President of the Shri Sai Baba Samsthan Committee of Shirdi. Mr. Pradhan donated a lakh of rupees to the Indian Red Cross Funds. Mr. Pradhan was the last among his late brothers, two of whom were Barristers and one a solicitor and the late Mr. Ramrao W. Pradhan, ex-Diwan of Janjira State. He leaves behind hif his widow, two sons and a daughter.

Death Of A Prominent City Doctor

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Dr. V. J. Rath, M.B.B.S. a popular Physician of Dadar and north Bombay died last night. He leaves behind him his four sons and a big circle of family members and friends to mourn his loss.

The funeral was attended by the Special Engineer Mr. Modak, Rao Bahadur Dr. Mhatre, Dr. Vengsarkar, Dr. Purandare, Dr. M. C. Jawle, his professional colleagues and also the reprssentatives of several Institutions with which the late Doctor was connected.

INVESTITURE AT GOVT. HOUSE

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, will hold an Investiture at Government House, Bombay, on Friday, April 11, 1947, at 10-30 a. m., for recipients of Honours and Indian Titles resident in this Province. Letters of invitation have been issued to those whom His Excellency proposes to invest.

Any person resident in the Province of Bombay, who has received an award and who wishes to be invested but has not yet received a letter of invitation should apply without delay to the Assistant Secretary to the Governor, Government House, Bombay.

TODAY ON RADIO

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244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Song of Week (by D'Amel) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Gajananrao Joshi (Violin) 8-45 Amritlal Raval (Gujarati Geet) 9-0 Chhota Gandharva (Bhairav-Bahar). 12-0 p.m. Programme for women (M) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Goda Gani 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music (E) 4-20 V. S. Kamat (Sham Kalayan) 4-35 K. N. Matange (Multani) 5-0 E. R. Prabhu (Violin) 5-15 Children's Half-Hour 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6.0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Duets 6-30 Sheikh Chand (Nagpur) (Ghazal) 6-45 V. S. Kamat (Jaijaiwanti) 7-0 Vasantrao Gat (Bhavgeet) 7-15 Amritlal Navasariwala (Gujarati songs) 7-30 K. N. Matange (Basant) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 "Shree" (Part II) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Sports (Talk by Jit Kantawala) 10-0 Mary Prentice (Soprano) 10-10 Interlude 10-15 Daulat Nanavaty (Pianoforte) (Schumann) 10-30 Interlude 10-35 Adrian De Mello (Violin) 10-45 Albert Huff.

INDIAN TARIFF BOARD'S QUESTIONNAIRE

The Indian Tariff Board's questionnaire relating to the industries, viz., (i) enamel ware, (ii) small tools (including twist drills), (iii) wire heads and (i) batteries for motor vehicles referred to the Board in the Government of India, Department of Commerce, Resolution dated the 15th March, 1947, is ready for issue to the manufacturers of the abovementioned articles and others who may be interested therein. Firms, associations and persons interested in any of these industries or in industries dependent on the use of these articles who desire that their views should be considered by the Tariff Board may obtain copies of the questionnaire from the Secretary, Indian Tariff Board, Contractor Building, (3rd Floor) Nicol Road, Fort, Bombay.

Replies to the questionnaire should be sent so as to reach the Board's office not later than the 15th May, 1947.

BOMBAY, March 19 (A.P.I.): The Bombay Legislative Council will meet at 12 noon and not at 2 p.m. on Saturday March 22 it is officially announced.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 19, (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from Nov. 1, 1946, and departure from normal recorded at 08:00 hours (I. S. T.), on March 19, 1947:—

Ahmedabad 95 70 0 1.1 plus 0.8, Ahmednagar 95 65 0 10.4 plus 8.5, Allahabad 96 71 0.1 2.5 minus 0.1, Baroda 95 68 0 1.1 nil, BOMBAY 85 74 0 7.1 plus 6.2, Calcutta 96 76 0 2.9 minus 0.5, Delhi 94 60 0.1 1.3 minus 1.4, Hyderabad (Dn.) 98 72 0 3.7 plus 1.2, Indore 92 66 0 9.4 plus 8.0, Karachi 81 70 0 0.1 minus 1.4, Lahore 73 54 0.1 1.5 minus 1.6, Lucknow 97 68 0.1 2.5 plus 0.1, Madras 91 72 0 56.5 plus 35.1, Mahabaleshwar 83 64 0 11.7 plus 9.5, Mysore 92 67 0 10.4 plus 6.6, Nagpur 94 67 0 11.7 plus 9.0, Patna 96 69 0 1.0 minus 1.2, Peshawar 69 51 4.9 minus 0.6, Poona 95 61 0 6.5 plus 5.4, Sholapur 101 69 0 3.0 plus 0.7, Simla 60 36 0.7 8.0 minus 0.9, Srinagar 47 40 0.3 9.3 minus 0.3, Surat 93 69 0 7.5 plus 6.9.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly, is to fill the world with fools.

—Herbert Spencer.

The Bombay Chronicle

MOUNTBATTEN'S TASK

Viscount Mountbatten has had his final talks—in fact, he is starting for India today—with the British Cabinet and has received their "directives" as to his main tasks. Lately there have been some speculations as to the finality of the British decision to set June 1948 as the deadline for quitting India. The terms of Mr. Attlee's announcement were, however, so specific that no revision of the deadline was possible without committing an open breach of faith. We nevertheless welcome the statement of Reuter's Political Correspondent that all suspicions in that connection are unfounded and that the British decision remains firm and unalterable. Reuter's Political Correspondent has given certain other assurances also regarding the intentions and plans of Lord Mountbatten and the British Government.

One of them is to make the administration at the Centre "strong and stable"—does it include the status of a Dominion?—to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibility. And, the correspondent reports further, "the present Interim Government, with its representative character, provides the pattern for such a stable Government". That would be the most desirable thing for India. But the Interim Government today is anything but a coalition in a state of stable equilibrium. How is it to be made co-operative, strong and stable? No indication is given. We are only vaguely told that some approximation to a Dominion Government by convention seems clearly realisable. On the other hand, it is suggested that the British Government has not failed to contemplate other contingencies and situations for which it is ready with solutions appropriate to each of them. Then why not publish them? Most of the present difficulties and troubles directly emanate, not from the decision to quit in June 1948, but from the uncertainty and complete vagueness of the shape of final transfer. If the British Government's final plans for the possible situations obtaining in June 1948 are published the present deadlock between the parties and struggles will largely end and it is even more than possible and likely that it may help to create a strong and stable Centre and ensure a smooth and peaceful transition.

Reuter's Correspondent also refers to a contingency that the actual date of transfer may arrive before the Constituent Assembly has completed its task of preparing a new constitution for India but he adds that this contingency has presumably been considered by the British Government. Having fixed a deadline for withdrawal, the Government could not possibly have lost sight of such a contingency. It has indeed already suggested one possible method of dealing with it, namely, allowing the Interim Government, reconstituted if necessary, to complete its unfinished task. However, there need be no fear of the Constituent Assembly failing to prepare a constitution well in time so as to give all the interests concerned, including the British Government, ample time to decide upon their respective final courses of action about it. If the League and all the Princes join the Assembly at once, as it is in their own interests to do, the constitution can be prepared in six months. In any case we expect it will be ready before the year is out or very early next year, for the reason, among others, that only then will the provinces, communities and the States will realise best how much they may miss or risk if they reject the Assembly constitution. We have not the slightest doubt that the Assembly will in the interests of peace and amity, give all diffident parties the best possible terms. We hope that the new Viceroy, entrusted with a definite task, will do everything possible to make that task a complete and speedy success so as to ensure maximum possible goodwill and co-operation between India and Britain.

Frankly Speaking

Fundamental Fallacy

Mr. Mahomed Ali, the Bengal Finance Minister made an eloquent effort the other day to put across his "Bengali" patriotism in the Bengal Council. And when asked an embarrassing question about the "two-nation theory," he tried to reconcile too irreconcilables and succeeded only in being palpably "smart." Mr. Mahomed Ali is quite wrong in offering the analogy of the United States. He misunderstands and misrepresents America, American nationalism and the people who make the American nation. The nation is certainly composed of people from many and varied countries and nations. But the first and most vital fundamental is that they have given up their original nationalities along with loyalty and allegiance to them and have ceased to belong to them and have become members of the American nation. No Englishman, Irishman, Italian, Dutch, Patagonian or any one else can be a member of the American Nation and yet claim to be a British National and so on owning any political loyalty or allegiance to his original country. In fact, the first condition for becoming American is, as we have said, to cease to be a Britisher, etc. Nor can any American national make of America a "'stan" of his own original identity, that is, a Britain, an Italy or a Patagonia much less part of any of them. And, of course, this is apart from the inescapable fact that no group of people has, anywhere, asserted a National identity on the basis exclusively of religion and gone on to stake a claim of some territorial "'stan."

Can't Have Both

In one and the same breath Mr. Mahomed Ali, and before him Mr. Suhrawardy, as also their other League colleagues claim two kinds of equally overriding and mutually contradicting status for their Province: It is a part of Pakistan on the basis of Muslim Nationalism under which theory, non-Muslims of Bengal become excluded and the Muslims of Bengal become one with Muslims elsewhere, second: it is Bengal on the basis of Bengali nationalism which includes non-Muslims and excludes overriding identity of Bengal Muslims with other Muslims. From what Messrs Mahomed Ali and Suhrawardy have been talking they can have either a Bengali Nation which excludes—like American Nationalism—"the Muslim Nation" theory and Pakistan or a "Muslim Nation" which excludes non-Muslims and changes their whole meaning of Bengal. They cannot have both. But let us hope that now that they have come down to earth and are facing the facts of the situation they are becoming aware of the fatal contradiction between actual, unavoidable realities and their conception of a "Muslim Nation." And once, they find that they cannot escape realities they will, we hope, also find that they and Bengal will stand to gain by remaining "shackled" to the Centre and to lose by cutting themselves off.

Medical Relief

Replying to a cut motion in the Bombay Assembly regarding medical relief in the province, Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Public Health, stated that a Committee had been appointed with wide terms of reference to suggest among other things, the basis on which recurrent and non-recurrent grants should be made to Ayurvedic and Unani institutions. We hope the terms of reference include the adequacy of medical colleges and schools in the province. It is said that Government has decided to stop the Licentiate course provided in allopathic medical schools, mainly on the grounds that there should be only one uniform course for registration and that the difference between the duration of this course and that for graduation is only six months. If Government's decision is final, we cannot be jubilant over it. There is no reason whatsoever why there should not be two or more grades of qualifying examination provided that the minimum necessary instruction is included in the lowest course. And this could be done with regard to the L.C.P.S. course if the entrance examination for it were the First Year Science Examination instead of the Intermediate Science. The reported decision of the Government would not be a serious evil if all the existing medical schools could be raised to the status of colleges providing the M.B.B.S. course and if more colleges could be started as fast as necessary. But while the schools in Bombay, Poona and Ahmedabad are proposed to be expanded into colleges, we do not know if a college is decided upon for Karnatak. The conversion of the three schools into colleges does not seem likely to accommodate more students than were admitted to the schools. And the present difficulty experienced by qualified students in getting admission to colleges will continue unless more colleges are started.

Wanted A Homoeopathic College

The inadequacy of allopathic medical institutions is an added reason for starting more Ayurvedic and Unani schools and at least one Homoeopathic school. The traditional popularity of the indigenous systems may be relied on for the starting of more institutions adopting them. But a special effort is necessary for starting a Homoeopathic school and hospital and get them recognised by Government. Homoeopathy is at least as scientific and efficient a system as any other in the world. Not very long ago the Central Legislative Assembly adopted a resolution urging Provincial Governments to encourage the system. The last Congress Government in Bombay promised to give it the same status as is given to Ayurvedic and Unani system as soon as a sufficiently well-equipped school or college and a hospital attached thereto could be started. It will be well if institutions like the Post-Graduate Homoeopathic Association and the Bombay Homoeopathic Association can take up the initiative in the matter and take steps to start a good Homoeopathic College in the city. When that is done we feel confident they will not fail to get the necessary recognition and financial help from the Government.

Paucity Of Nurses

Referring to the suggestion made in the Assembly that there should be more nurses in the civil hospitals, Dr. Gilder said that in this province a sufficient number of girls is not coming forward to take up the nursing profession and that therefore even in the Gujarat hospitals many of the nurses are Travancoreans. We agree that among certain communities in this province, as in the country in general, nursing is not as popular a course as it deserves to be, and that problem must be carefully considered by social reformers. But another important reason why we do not get the necessary number of nursing students is that in Bombay and several other places the candidate for the course is expected to reach or approximate the Matriculation standard in English, though the examinations are conducted in vernacular as well as English. We do not see why the standard in English must be so high. Some good text books in Indian languages on nursing are already available and more ones can be easily got prepared by Government. If the medium of instruction is the vernacular and no fetish is made of English, the number of nursing students can be doubled and quadrupled in very few years.

HANDOVER GOVT. TO MAJORITY PARTY

CALCUTTA, March 19. (A. P. I.): Addressing the Council of the All-India Forward Bloc, which met at Bauria about 18 miles from Calcutta Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshar, the President, observed that Indian Nationalists would never tolerate any division of India on the lines suggested by Mr. Attlee. They must have a United India having full power to defend itself against all foreign aggression. If the British were really honest in the decision to hand over India to Indians they ought to have followed the democratic principles in vogue all over the world. They should hand over the Government of India to the majority party in the country, the Congress, specially as it represented not only Hindus but also all other communities.

ATTLEE DEFINES LINE OF ACTION IN INDIA

Mountbatten's Operational "Blue Print" Revealed To India Specialists In British Cabinet

LONDON, March 19 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Clement Attlee, it is understood, has given the British Cabinet a full outline of the talks between the Viceroy-designate, Admiral Viscount Mountbatten, and Cabinet India Specialists on the eve of Viscount Mountbatten's departure, writes Fraser Wighton, Reuter's political correspondent.

On his part, Lord Mountbatten has over the past few weeks had an exhaustive series of Cabinet level consultations which have left him with a clear picture of the mind and intention of the British Government and people with regard to the final stage of the constitutional drama to be unfolded between now and June of next year.

Lord Mountbatten has been at pains to put himself abreast of every aspect of the task awaiting him and has taken a post of engagements with experts in every field of Indian affairs, including defence and the services.

Today, his final one in England until his work as Viceroy is completed, he spent mostly at the India office, receiving a succession of visitors. As he takes off for New Delhi from Northolt at 11 a.m. (G.M.T.) (4.30 p.m. I.S.T.) tomorrow, much of his personal packing obviously would have to be delegated. The two days which the aeroplane journey will occupy will give the Viceroy-designate some chance to digest at leisure the dossier related to his work in India.

MOUNTBATTEN'S TASK

LONDON, March 19 (UPA).—Viscount Mountbatten would commence his operations in India from the point where Viscount Wavell was "baffled" by the Muslim League's astuteness, it was learned today, radioes Harold Guard, United Press of America staff correspondent.

A high Government source said the British Cabinet believed Mountbatten had "the personality to get the confidence of both sides in India" and that "the outlook was reasonably good."

While declaring "there was no intention of making substantial changes in the Viceroy's Executive Council," the source said it was not intended to contradict the possibility that the new Viceroy might have no other alternative than to call for the Interim Government's resignation in order to facilitate its immediate reappointment in a manner considered to be conducive to "team work" within the Indian Cabinet.

This possibility was also mentioned last night by Labour Member of Parliament Reginald Sorensen, who had recently conversed with Mountbatten.

Sorensen, who addressed the London School of Economics Labour Society, said:

"Mountbatten would take a progressive and firm policy in India.... There is every possibility he will go and ask the Interim Government to resign and then reinstate those who would accept the Constituent Assembly."

In the meantime, Mountbatten's operational "Blueprint" has been finalised and the Viceroy-designate yesterday called on Prime Minister Attlee for a "final chat" while the Cabinet was in session.

CONGRESS JUSTIFIED

The stumbling block encountered by Viceroy Wavell had been pinpointed by Sir Stafford Cripps who said the demand made in January by Congress Party and other non-League nominees that the Muslim League members should be withdrawn from the Executive Council was based on the "proposition that the Muslim League representatives had been invited to join the Executive Council on the basis of the League taking part in the Constituent Assembly."

"This proposition accorded with the facts of the case and had at the time of invitation been communicated to the leader of the Congress. It is true that in their acceptance of office in the Executive the Muslim League did not expressly accept this condition but it was assumed by those concerned that, as they had not repudiated it, they would be bound by it," Sir Stafford had declared.

STUMBLING BLOCK

In the absence of a mutual agreement between the Congress and the Muslim League, the new Viceroy would be confronted by this same stumbling block and would, therefore, have no other course but to make the Muslim League nominees' retention in the Interim Government conditional upon their participation in the Constituent Assembly, the source said.

Official quarters stressed that it was "the most sincere desire of the British Government" to see a settlement between the Congress and the Muslim League. It was further stressed that reinstatement of the existing Interim Government would rest with Mountbatten's initiative and depend on whether there was any measure of agreement reached between the rival Indian factions prior to his assuming "proper responsibility."

Reinstatement of Congress and other non-League members would be automatic because—despite the Muslim League's contention to the contrary—Sir Stafford Cripps had made clear the British Government's belief that the Congress intended to adhere to the British Government's statement of December 6.

Cripps said: "To that principle (set out in the December 6 statement) which has the assent of the Congress, as we understand, we adhere."

No official quarter in London was prepared to deny that these circumstances could leave the new Viceroy with no alternative but to ask for the Interim Government's resignation and conditional reinstatement.

ARRIVAL IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, March 19 (API).—Lord Mountbatten, the Viceroy and Governor-General-designate will arrive at 3-15 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, at Palam airfield when a salute of 31 guns will be fired.

The Viceroy-designate and Lady Mountbatten will be received at the Palam airfield by representatives of the Viceroy and by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Commander-in-Chief, and others.

The swearing-in ceremony of Viscount Mountbatten will take place at 10 a.m. in the Durbar Hall on March 24. The Chief Justice of India will administer the oaths.

SULTAN SHAHRIAR'S TERMS TO SIGN PACT WITH DUTCH

BATAVIA, March 19 (Reuter) Dr. Sultan Shahriar, the Indonesian Premier, has not yet agreed to sign the "Linggadjati Pact" for the United States of Indonesia. To-day he flew to Modjokerto, the Republican city occupied by the Dutch on Monday, to stop the flood of their lines to "investigate the situation."

It is understood that he intends to settle the issues raised by this Dutch move to extend the Sourabaya perimeter before signing the agreement.

The Dutch reported their readiness to sign the pact yesterday. The latest reports from Modjokerto, 35 miles south of the naval base of Sourabaya, indicate that Dutch troops only occupied a part of the city and the casualties were low.

Observers are hopeful that the Indonesian Premier will return to Batavia by the week-end to sign the agreement if the Dutch agree to withdraw.

DUTCH OBLIGE

Reliable sources in Batavia confirmed to-day that the Dutch Commission-General had ordered Dutch troops to cease further action in the Modjokerto section and had sent a representative to ensure that the order was carried out.

Reliable sources confirmed to-day that the Commission-General has given orders to the Dutch Army immediately to stop any futher action in the Modjokerto operation. It has sent Mr. P. J. Koets, member of Dr. Van Mook's staff to Sourabaya to ensure that their instructions are carried out and the decision has been conveyed to Dr. Shahriar.

Sovereignty: Facts & Fallacies About Travancore

By C. K. NARAYANSWAMI

The Associated Press of India has, as usual, flashed a statement made by Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer on the status of Travancore on the withdrawal of the British from India. I see that the Travancore Dewan has reverted to his old stand. He emphasises what that state was in 1795, but glosses over what happened to its position in 1805 and after. But Travancore's history does not begin with 1795, nor did it end with that date. Travancore never was an independent sovereign State. It was but part of Kerala over which Cheraman Perumal, the last of the Chera Kings, ruled. This was early in the Christian era. When Cheraman Perumal renounced the throne to go on a pilgrimage, he divided the territory and left its management to his several chieftains. In the internecine feuds that developed the most powerful of the Chieftains was able to annex the different principalities into one unit and establish his own suzerainty. This is how modern Travancore has come into being. This was in 1761.

A British Preserve

But no stabilisation was possible. This was a period of feudal decay and of rivalries, Hyderali of Mysore had already lighted the path of danger and the repurcussions of Anglo-French wars brought the British on the scene. But the British established themselves as the paramount power after the defeat of Tipu Sultan in 1792. In 1784 the British claimed the Travancore Ruler as "friend and ally." In 1795, the date on which Sir C. P. places so much reliance and puts so much emphasis, the position changed. From "friend" and "ally" Travancore became a British preserve, and their sphere of influence. By the treaty concluded in this year the Raja engaged to pay to the British an annual subsidy for maintainance of sepoys, with British artillery, *"in return for protection against all aggressors by sea or land". He did not stop there; he also bound himself not to enter into any agreement with any European or Indian States without the previous consent of the British Government, nor to grant the former any settlements in his country, and to assist the British, whenever required, with his troops."* (Italics are mine). Not even the veriest tyro would claim after this that the Raja of Travancore was still a sovereign in its exact and full sense. None can, at the same time, deny that British influence over the State was complete.

The people of Travancore resented this and in 1804, there was a rising to get rid of British shackles. This was suppressed and a new treaty which nullified previous engagements, was the result.

The Treaty of 1805 made British *control* over the State complete. By that treaty the Raja was relieved of his old obligation to furnish military aid, but was required to pay annually, in addition to the former subsidy, a sum adequate to maintain more troops and an equitable proportion of the expense of a larger force, when necessary. In addition, *"the Raja bound himself to allow the British Government to assume the direct management of the State in case of non-payment; to pay at all times the utmost attention to the advice of the British Government; to hold no communication with any foreign State; and to admit no European foreigner into his service. or to allow him to remain within his territories without the previous sanction of the British Government."*

Worse followed. Disgusted with the sell-out—the provisions of the treaty are nothing less—Velu Thampi Dalava, the then Dewan, succeeded in raising an insurrection against the British. This was also suppressed and the British were on the point of assuming the internal administration of the State, when the then Raja died. But his successor, Laxmi Rani, completed the deal by confiding the administration to the British Resident "From that date Travancore commenced a fresh career," says the historian. Indeed! On that day Travancore Rulers surrendered to the British the last vestiges of sovereignty they might have exercised. Even the rights of adoption and succession are governed by a 'sanad' granted by the British.

Mental Decay

After all that has happened, for Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer to repeat 'ad nauseum' a historical fiction and parade it as fact, is the height of impudence. But there is another point I wish to emphasise. Sir C. P. says that Travancore will revert to the position of 1795 on the withdrawal of the British in terms of the Attlee declaration. Travancore, that is to say, will remain an independent State under the protection of the British. Is that what the Diwan wants?

Sir C. P. forgets that between 1795 and 1946 the world has changed beyond recognition. His earnest desire to return to the days of forgotten feudal tyranny and reaction, betrays not signs of statesmanship or patriotism, but mental decay. He has exposed himself to the charge that he learns nothing and forgets everything.

History In Making

Be that as it may, Sir C. P. will not live to see his desire fulfilled. Popular forces within the state and elsewhere in the country are on the march. They will have none of the relics of the old reaction. Their test of freedom is what assurance they have of social justice, of initiative and progress. Any system that does not bring this assurance will be swept away. In this light, the resolutions passed by the All-India Kerala Unification Convention which met in Bombay last week-end should come as a warning that any challenge to the sovereignty of the people is foredoomed to failure. While Sir C. P. indulges in meaningless dissertations the people of Travancore are writing the new history of that State with their sacrifice,—even their blood.

"THIS IS ASIA'S HOUR"

Ba Maw Hopes Leadership In India And China Will Rise Up To It

RANGOON, March 19, (Reuter): Dr. Ba Maw, former Premier of Burma, in a survey of the struggle at present going on in Asiatic countries, told Reuter today: "This is Asia's hour. If only our peoples prove equal to it, the whole new world will be ours in Asia".

Dr. Ba Maw declared that the Viet Namese, the Indonesians and others, who were striving to throw off their foreign yoke, deserved every possible assistance of all Asia.

Dr. Ba Maw added: "Do our leaders of Asia believe in the Asiatic hour—believe in it to the point of planning for it and being ready to act when necessary? The answer to this question, especially that which comes from India and China, will to a large extent shape the future of Asia, perhaps of the world as a whole".

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

A separate department of Foreign Affairs has been established at the Burma Government Secretariat, it was officially announced here tonight.

The Department of Defence and External Affairs is now designated as Department of Defence.

BURMA FRONTIER 'PURDAH' INQUIRY

The Frontier Areas Enquiry Committee held its first meeting today with Lt.-Col. Rees Williams presiding. Questions of procedure were discussed and it was decided to hold all future meetings in private. The Commission will move to Maymyo, Upper Burma, on March 24.

GARDEN PARTY TO S. A. S. TYABJI

The Governor of Burma, Sir Hubert Rance, and several prominent personalities, Burmese, Indians and Britons, attended a garden party here last night in honour of Mr. S. A. S. Tyabji Governor's Adviser on Indian Affairs, who is returning to India shortly on retirement.

PRAKASAM RESENTS INTERFERENCE FROM CENTRE

MADRAS, March 19. Mr. T. Prakasam, Premier, vigorously defended in the Madras Legislative Assembly today the policies hitherto pursued by his Government during the past eleven months.

Mr. Prakasam was replying to the criticisms of Muslim League members of the House against the Ministerial policies on a cut motion on the Demand of the Premier for a sum of Rs. 42,47,500 under the budget head "heads of provinces, Ministers and headquarters staff".

"I may or may not be in office on the 22nd of this month. But my policies will remain and go on as if I were present, because it is not a one—man's policy but the policy of the Indian National Congress, conceived for the well-being of the masses after bitter experiences for over 25 years", Mr. Prakasam declared.

The Premier asserted that all the policies of the Government including the Textile policy, had received the approval of the Legislature Party. "On fundamental and on major policies we have not differed. Our differences are only on small matters and they will be solved by the Party itself".

CENTRAL GOVT. ENCROACHES TOO MUCH

Dealing with the textile policy, Mr. Prakasam said that the Central Government "were encroaching too much on Provincial liberties".

He claimed that the Madras Government had a right to resist tooth and nail such acts of the Central Government as would go against the interests of the people of the Province.

POSER FROM MALABAR M.L.A.

After the Premier had concluded his three-hour speech the Malabar Muslim League member Mr. B. Pokker asked whether the Ministry was prepared to go out of office and stand for re-election on the textile issue which, he said, was opposed by every section of the house, including some Congress members.

Mr. Prakasam replied that the constitutional method would be to bring a motion before the Assembly to that effect, and if the motion was voted by a majority, he was prepared to do so.?

The cut motionwhich was pressed by the Muslim League members was lost without a division.

Prakasam's Search For Compromise

MADRAS, March 19, (A. P. I.): To explore all possibilities for a compromise among the various groups in the Congress Legislature Party, Mr. Prakasam, Premier, invited Messrs. Kala Venketa Rao, B. Gopal Reddi, Pallam Raju and Dr. Rajan last night to his residence for a discussion.

Although the conference lasted over two hours, it is learnt that no agreement was reached. Mr. Prakasam has also invited the Tamil legislators to his residence tonight for discussing matters relating to the election of the Party leader on March 21.

VIOLENCE & SECRET METHODS UNNECESSARY

CALICUT, March 18 (A.P.I.): Addressing a public meeting held here under the auspices of the Kerala Provincial Congress Committee this evening the Congress President, Acharya Kripalani, said that unless they learnt the lesson of unity they would always be slaves whether the Britisher was there or not. Swaraj was in the hands of Indians and that neither constitutional methods nor violence and secret methods were necessary.

At the end of the meeting a sum of about Rs. 1,500 was collected towards the Congress fund.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"The so-called safeguarding clauses of the Government of India Act have merely given an equality of opportunity for which we ask in the future—precisely in the same way that India is asking and will be asking for her citizens in countries abroad and which later case we here must, in equity and reason, support so far as lies in our power."

—Mr. A. W. Percy,
President, Bombay (European) Chamber of Commerce.

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Apropos of the "loan" or "sale"—the position is not clear—of three British cruisers to India, the Tories are reported to have expressed regret at the "Ajax" and the "Achilles", "ships with such a glorious history" leaving the Royal Navy.

We would be only too pleased to respect Tory sentiments. We would far more gladly accept entirely new ships with absolutely no previous history.

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Lord Mountbatten, Reuter's Political Correspondent reports, will immediately set to work to make the transition smooth by helping to create "a strong, stable administration at the Centre." And "the present Interim Government with its representative character provides the pattern for such a stable Government."

Doesn't it?

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A Tory Blimp Colonel Gomme Duncan, asked the Under Secretary of State in the Commons: "Does he realise that Gurkhas will not serve under an Indian Government? Will he give them any opportunity to serve elsewhere than in India?"

The fact may not be known, to Gurkhas from their Prime Minister downwards. But, of course, Colonel Duncan knows better by right of being a British Tory.

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Mr. Godfrey Nicholson, Tory M.P. and friend of India is worried. "India," he cries, "faces a great danger if the spirit of callousness is allowed to intrude."

We agree.

By the way, who—er—helped to bring it in?

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"Let us," he urgently pleads, "get back to the past, be it the Victorian Age or the Middle Ages, when there were real standards of respect for human lives and happiness."

Sure. There was respect, etc., etc., in the Middle Ages if you didn't very foolishly regard the lower classes as human.

And, of course, what age could be more glorious than the Victorian when so much respect and happiness was enjoyed by British human lives throughout the Empire.

Yes, do let us get back to the past. Preferably 1795 to make Sir C. P. happy.

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"Bengal would be the richest country not only in India but also in the East, if she could break her shackles from England as well as from the Centre."

—Mr. Mohamed Ali,
Finance Minister.

We hope he didn't imply breaking shackles from North-West Pakistan too. Or from Assam.

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"Viet Nam guns opened fire on French warships in the Red River in Northern Indo-China, a semi-official French report stated today"—Hanoi message.

That's too bad, trying to usurp the exclusive democratic right of French warships to open fire. Most intolerable.

MONCKTON NAMED CO-RESPONDENT IN DIVORCE SUIT

LONDON, March 19. (U. P. I.): The Earl of Carlisle has named Sir Walter Monckton, former Director-General of the Ministry of Information, as the co-respondent in divorce proceedings against the Countess.

The Countess, formerly the Honourable Bridget Helen Hore-Ruthven was Chief Commander of the A.T.C. in the South-East Command during the war.

No date has been set for the hearing.

Nobel Peace Prize: Mahatma As Nominee

OSLO, March 19 (U.P.A.): The Nobel Committee announced to-day the names of sixteen nominees for the 1947 Nobel Peace Prize, including Pope Pius and Mohandas K. Gandhi and the combined entry of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Alexandra Kollantay, former Soviet Ambassador to Sweden.

Other nominees were Edouard Benes, Czechoslovak Statesman, Natanael Beskow, Swedish educator and writer, Lionel Curtis, British author on peace subjects, C. J. Hambro, former President of the Norwegian Parliament, Paul Harris, American founder and President Emeritus of Rotary International, Alexandra Kollantay, Herbert H. Lehman, former head of U. N. R. R. A. John Morgan British lawyer.

GANDHIJI VISITS ANDARI VILLAGE

PATNA, March 19 (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi visited this afternoon village Andari and its surrounding places. From Andari, he proceeded by car to the prayer ground in village Goriakhari, eight miles from here.

Mahatma Gandhi did not address the gathering after his prayer this evening. As he started his post-prayer address, village women who were assembled in large numbers, stood up He repeatedly requested them either to leave the ground or to sit quietly The noise did not stop, he refused to continue his address and left the prayer ground.

ASIATIC JOURNALS ON EXHIBITION

Special Plane For Viet Nam Delegate To Delhi Conference

NEW DELHI, March 19. (U.P.I.): An exhibition of all Asiatic newspapers and periodicals will be organised here on the occasion of the forthcoming Inter Asian Relations Conference under the auspices of the Asiatic Fair. From response so far received, it is expected that nearly 3,000 newspapers and periodicals from all over Asia will be presented for exhibition. This exhibition will continue till the duration of the main conference. This conference, besides being an interesting item in itself, will, it is expected, provide an opportunity to the delegates and observers attending the conference as well as a large number of visitors to have a clear impression about the standard and quality of the Asiatic newspapers.

SPECIAL PLANE FOR VIET NAMESE

To get over the transport difficulties which seem to confront the delegates to the Inter-Asian Relations Conference from Viet Nam and Indonesia, the Organising Committee of the Conference have chartered a special plane having a capacity to carry 34 passengers from Singapore to New Delhi. It is understood that the Indonesian and Viet Nam delegates will proceed to Singapore and board the plane therefrom.

AIR PRIORITY CONTROL ENDS

NEW DELHI, March 19. (A.P.I.): On the recommendations of the Air Priorities Board, India, the Government of India have decided to lift priority control from all Internal Air Services with effect from April 1, 1947 says a press note.

Panikkar To Represent Bikaner In Consembly

BIKANER, March 19. (A.P.I.): Seth Santoshchand, an elected member of the Bikaner State Legislative Assembly has been appointed Minister for Local Self-Government and Public Health.

The Maharaja of Bikaner has selected Mr. K. M. Panikkar as the State representative to the Constituent Assembly.

The Maharaja has also expressed his desire that the State Assembly should elect six of its members who will keep in touch with the work of the Constituent Assembly and will be closely associated with the Prime Minister.

300 Teachers On Strike

BENARES, March 19. (A.P.I.): More than 300 teachers of all non-Government educational institutions in Benares went on strike this morning, in response to the decision taken by U. P. Teachers' War Council, which has demanded commencement of the teachers' salaries.

INFLUENCE OF POLITICS IN FRAMING BUDGET

Chamber Of Commerce President's Plea

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. A. W. Percy, President of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, presiding over the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber to-day, observed that while admitting that revenue must be found to meet the large expenditure of this country, it was considered by the Committee that not only had the Finance Member, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, been somewhat heavy-handed, but that politics had too large a share as compared with purely financial considerations in the framing of the Budget. He said that in the budget, collection of revenue was the dominant note as opposed to economy in spending.

Referring to the problem of nationalisation, Mr. Percy hoped that in this country, private enterprise "which had been successful in building up the industry of India to an impressive size", would not be "cramped by the following of preconceived policies in the matter of nationalisation which should, in every case, be considered purely on its own merits as a business proposition, and not as a political issue."

Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, addressing the Chamber made a plea for mutual help between Britain and India in the future in the matter of trade. "No small part of the benefit that this country can get is bound up with such a course", he said.

Referring to the question of nationalisation, the Governor said that detailed and thoughtful examination should be applied to the problem.

Mr. L. A. Halsall, Vice-President, in his speech, referring to the labour legislation, complained that Government were seeking to put too much of the cost on to the employer while not providing that the State should bear the proportion which is rightly its share.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Lt.-General Sir Arthur and the Hon. Lady Smith, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, Lieutenant R. K. S. Ghandhi, Flag-Lieutenant to C.-in-C., R.I.N., Major-General, Mrs. and Miss F. R. R. Bucher, and Mrs. Burnett arrived at Government House.

The Governor of Bombay attended the Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, at Mackinnon Mackenzie's Building, Ballard Estate, and afterwards lunched with Mr. A. W. Percy, the retiring President, at the Byculla Club.

His Excellency invested Mr. J. Abernethy with the King's Police and Fire Services Medal at Government House.

His Excellency and Lady Colville, accompanied by Miss Colville and Miss Morison, dined with Sir Homi and Lady Mody at "Spirospero" Carmichael Road.

FINANCE BILL SENT BACK TO CABINET?

(Continued from page 1)

party members is that along with the business of life insurance, general insurance, banking, investment and public utility concerns should be exempt from the business profits tax.

It is gathered that in view of the increased allowances given by the Select Committee, the European Group has changed its attitude and will now support the bill as it has emerged from the select committee.

BASIS FOR COMPUTING ABATEMENT

In regard to clause two and schedule two the majority report says: "We consider that the flat figure of one lakh of rupees by way of abatement contained in the Bill is not suitable for all classes of business ownership, and we accordingly introduce as sub-clause one of clause two a definition of abatement, fixing differing criteria of abatement in respect of different classes of ownership of a business, together with a second schedule laying down the basis on which the capital of a company will be computed, where the abatement is expressed as a percentage of capital."

"ABATEMENT" EXPLAINED

"Abatement" is defined as follows: Abatement means, in respect of any chargeable accounting period, a sum which bears to a sum equal to:—

(A) In the case of a company, not being a company deemed for the purposes of Section Nine to be a firm, six per cent or five per cent of the capital of the company on the first day of the said period computed in accordance with Schedule Two, according as the directors of the company respectively have or have not control of the company, or one lakh of rupees, or whichever is greater, or

(B) In the case of a Hindu undivided family, two lakhs of rupees, or

(C) In any other case, one lakh of rupees,—the same proportion as the period bears to the period of one year.

Exemptions granted include to any profits which are, under the provisions of Sub-Section (3) of Section, (4) of the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922, exempt from income-tax; all profits from any business of life insurance; and any sum paid to a business by or through the Central Government by way of bonus or subsidy.

Following is the Schedule Two for computing the capital of a company for purposes of Business Profits Tax:

1. For the purposes of ascertaining the Abatement under this Act in respect of any chargeable accounting period, the capital of a company shall be computed in accordance with the following rules:

2. (a) Where the company is one to which Sub-Rule (a) of Rule Three of Schedule One applies. Its capital shall be the sum of the amounts of its paid up share capital and of its reserves in so far as they have not been allowed in computing the profits of the company for the purposes of the Indian Income-tax Act 1922.

(b) Where the company is one to which Sub-Rule (b) of Rule Three of Schedule One applies, its capital, ascertained in accordance with Sub-Rule (a) of this Rule shall be diminished by the cost to it of its investments or other property, the income from which is not includible in the profits, so far as that cost exceeds any debt for money borrowed by it.

(c) In all other cases, the capital shall be the sum ascertained in accordance with Sub-Rule (a) of this Rule, diminished by the cost to the company of its investments so far as that cost exceeds any debt for money borrowed by it.

3. Any deposits with the Central Government under Section Ten of the Indian Finance Act, 1942, or Section Two of the Excess Profits Tax Ordinance, 1943, shall not be regarded as investment or other property for the purposes of this Schedule.

ROUGH AND READY MEASURE

Following is the text of the minute of dissent of the Congress Party members:

We regret we feel obliged to disagree with the recommendations of the majority which includes departmental officials.

This Bill was referred to Select Committee by the Assembly without debate in order to enable the possibilities of taxing surplus business profits made during the past year in an equitable manner to be explored. Indeed, in the course of the general budget discussion several members of the Assembly had expressed the view that the proposed Business Profits Tax was objectionable by reason of its being a rough and ready measure of taxation, inequitable in its incidence and that it was in many respects a more unsatisfactory measure than the Excess Profits Tax. When, therefore, the Finance Member put before the Select Committee a statement showing that the yield or the E.P.T., even at the lower rate of 33 and one-third per cent would be substantially higher than the yield of the proposed Business Profits Tax and when a member of the Committee (not being one of the signatories to this minute) suggested that the present measure be remodelled so as to bring it in line with the provisions of the old E.P.T. We readily supported the idea and even agreed to an incidence of 33 and one-third per cent to dropping all reference to deficiencies and to making other essential adjustments.

Three reasons weighed with us in arriving at this view. The first was that a revival of the E.P.T. for one year would eliminate from the present proposal many of its defects and that, since the E.P.T. had been operated for several years, its form was known and understood both by the Department and the bulk of assessees, who would be more readily reconciled to it, it would not have the same adverse psychological effects as the present measure. The second reason was that the burden would fall on the shoulders of those who could bear it best. The third reason was that in this way the Government revenues would get a higher yield than what was expected by the Finance Member from the Business Profits Tax.

LIAQUAT'S CHANGING MIND

These arguments, presesd by us in concert with members of other parties, so impressed the Finance Member that at one stage he offered to examine the proposal and to prepare an alternative scheme based on the old E.P.T. with necessary modifications. We were disappointed when later the Finance Member intimated that he had decided to drop the idea and wanted to proceed with the Business Profits Tax in its present form. We would like to record our regret that this alternative, which was at one stage acceptable to all sections of the Select Committee, was later found unacceptable by the Fonance Member and that its consideration by the Select Committee was at that stage ruled out of order by the Chair.

So far as the present Bill is concerned, we regret we cannot support it in the form in which it emerges from the Select Committee. In order to minimise, if not to obviate, its deleterious effect on existing enterprises and on the investment of capital in new industries, which are matters of vital concern at a time when increased production is India's prime need, we proposed amendments which we regret, were not accepted by the majority of the Committee.

TWO AMENDMENTS

In Clause Two of the Bill, there are two important changes that we proposed and would like to see effected. Both are with regard to the definition of "abatement" in Sub-Clause (One). Our first proposal is that, in place of five per cent of capital in respect of the large bulk of companies and six per cent in respect of director-controlled companies suggested by the majority of our colleagues, we would like seven and a half per cent to be substituted. We trust it will be appreciated that the sums involved in such Abatement of seven and a half per cent, as well as the balance of the profits left after the imposition of this tax over the limit of the Abatement, would still be liable under the present taxation proposals to the somewhat heavy rate of seven annas in the rupee before any amounts could either be taken to reserve or paid out in dividents. The second change is in regard to the computation of capital which is prescribed in Schedule Two to this Bill. We regret we cannot agree to the terms of Schedule Two as proposed by the majority of our colleagues. We would, in its place, substitute the method of computation of capital employed laid down in Schedule Two of the Excess Profits Tax Act. We regret that, although on this proposal of ours the Committee was evenly divided, we were unsuccessful in getting the amendment accepted. We strongly urge that this very necessary change should be made in Schedule Two to this Bill, which would not only make the calculation of capital sounder in principle and fairer to the assessee, but also bring it in line with principles which have been hitherto followed by Government themselves for several years.

BUSINESS AND BORROWED MONEY

We cannot appreciate the policy which has prompted a departure from these sound principles. We apprehend 'inter alia' that if such a departure is made, the incidence of tax will, in the case of numerous private firms, have little relation to the turnover of the business or the profits usually made, since borrowings from a very important element in the carrying on of business by private firms in this country and, if borrowings are altogether excluded from the computation of capital, the minimum of rupees one lakh would be the only exemption applicable to such firms.

NEW & UNCERTAIN BURDEN

In Clause Four of the Bill, our proposal was that the incidence of the tax should be twelve and a half per cent of the tax taxable profits in place of 25 per cent. In making this proposal we have been guided by the consideration that when a new form of taxation is established for the first time in our fiscal history, sound policy dictates that its incidence should not be anything as severe as that proposed by the majority of our colleagues. We would also urge that the effect of the new and uncertain burden of taxation on industry should be estimated not with regard to this proposal alone, but in the light of the cumulative effect of this tax along with other taxation measures, such as the capital gains tax, the increase in the Corporation Tax and the alteration in the incidence of the super-tax. Another proposal of ours in connection with this clause of the bill is that, along with the business of life insurance, general insurance, banking, investment and public utility concerns should be totally exempt from business profits tax under this Bill. Special consideration might also be given to the Indian Shipping industry, whose growth is so strongly desired by Indian public opinion.

AN OMMISSION

We drew attention to the omission from this Bill of a Clause on the lines of Section 26 of the Excess Profits Tax Act which gave power to the Central Board of Revenue to give relief if it was satisfied that, in the case of any particular business, special circumstances existed which rendered it inequitable that the abatement should be computed in accordance with the provisions of that measure. Such special circumstances, which might also arise in the operation of this Bill, would include in particular cases where the capital employed in a business is disproportionately small in relation to the volume of the activities of the business and risks involved where heavy expenses have been incurred in connection with experimental or development work or where the business is of a pioneer nature. We fail to understand how the addition of such a Section enabling the grant of relief by the Central Board of Revenue at its discretion can possibly be objected to.

MARKED DISINCLINATION

We know that the modifications suggested by us in Clause (Two) and (Four) of this Billl would reduce the yield of this tax. But in our opinion the yield originally estimated by the Finance Member was a gross underestimate. We would also point out that not only was the suggestion for a revival of the EPT at thirty-three and one-third per cent, which would have yielded at least the sum desired by the Finance Member, turned down by him but that an offer made by one of us to suggest alternative measures by which such short fall of revenue might be made good was met with a marked disinclination on his part to consider such suggestions. On the issue of arrears of collection of income-tax and super-tax, it was not denied that there were heavy arrears. It was claimed that some of these arrears were included in the estimates. We feel, however, that additional arrears would accrue to Government revenues in the current budgetary year if an efficient and energetic collection were effected.

In conclusion, we would like to record our opinion that, even in the modified form in which we are recommending it, the proposed Business Profits Tax tends to conceal the increased incidence of taxation on investors and on business concerns such incident would, at the lowest, be seven annas in the rupee and may go up to eight, nine or ten annas, or even more, dependent on its capital structure and profits. In no case can there be any justification for this operation of tax being extended beyond the period of one year for which this measure is devised.

The minute of dissent to the report of the Select Committee was signed by the following members:—

Messrs. Diwan Chamanlal, Vadilal Lalubhai, Manu Subedar, K. C. Neogy, Prof. Ranga, Satyanarain Singh, M. R. Masani, Man Mohan Lal Saxena, Sardar Mangal Singh also dissented from the majority report.

TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS

Fundamental Departure In Income-tax Law

NEW DELHI, March 19 (API).—Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Finance Member, submitted to the Central Assembly this afternoon the Select Committee's report on the Bill further to amend the Indian Income Tax Act, 1922, and the E.P.T. Act, 1940.

Changes effected in the Select Committee are: The minimum figures of Rs. 5,000 below which capital gains will not be taxed has been increased to Rs. 15,000.

Exemption from liability of the tax arising from the following transactions: the sale of house property which has been in the assessee's possession for not less than seven years: compensation awarded for the compulsory acquisition of property for public purposes and transfer by a principal company to a 100% subsidiary.

PREVENTION OF EVASION

A new provision inserted aims at the prevention of evasion by transfers to connected persons.

Provision is made for relief in cases where the transactions are for the purpose of replacement of assets employed in the business or are by reason of a change of residence.

In regard to concession in favour of assessees other than companies, the report says that income derived from capital gains should not be lumped with other income and assessed with it. "We propose, therefore, that in these cases," the report says, the amount assessed at the normal rates should be the total income reduced by the amount of a capital gains, and that these capital gains should be assessed separately. We introduce a scale applicable to capital gains, beginning with a rate of one anna in the rupee on the whole capital gains where they do not exceed Rs. 50,000 and rising by one anna stages up to a rate of five annas in the Rupee on the whole amount of the capital gains where that amount exceeds ten lakhs of Rupees.

PLEA FOR EXPERT INQUIRY

Congress Party members in the Committee in a minute of dissent urge that an expert inquiry should be made into the various complex problems and their implications on the structure of business and society in this country before levying a tax on capital gains. Pending the inquiry the scope of the Bill should be restricted to easily ascertainable specific assets which lend themselves more than others to speculate gains in the period immediately after the close of the war. These are, the minute of dissent says, entire business concerns as a whole, stocks, shares, securities and bullion.

With regard to other forms of assets such as residential property, jewellery and other personal effects, the minute suggests that no action should be taken pending the suggested expert inquiry.

A FUNDAMENTAL DEPARTURE

The minute says that the inclusion of capital gains within the definition of income under the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922 and the EPT Act, 1940, marks a fundamental departure from the income-tax policy followed by the Government so far.

The minute says that if it were intended merely for the purpose of taxing speculative gains during the prevalence of abnormal circumstances, the Bill should have been a short term measure. But the proposed law would be a permanent supplement to the Income-tax Act.

ESTATE DUTY

The minute also refers to the Estate Duty Bill which was introduced in the Assembly by Sir Archibald Rowlands last year and circulated for public opinion, under which capital assets of all kinds belonging to an individual will come under a levy when they pass from an individual to his heirs. "We do not think," the report says, "that the same assets should in any case come for a levy under the capital gains and again under the Estate Duty. The clarification of Government's policy on the matter of the Estate Duty must, therefore, precede the final adoption of this measure if and when the House decides to take it up."

BORROWED PRINCIPLE

The minute gives a comprehensive analysis of the USA Law in this regard, the principles of which are said to be borrowed in the present measure and continues: "We have to point out that the vast differences in economic conditions and wealth accretion between USA and India have been ignored in framing this measure. The rapidity with which capital assets change hands in USA is very much greater than even that which exists in European countries and the U.K., and the caution and circumspection which should have been employed in drawing a parallel from U.S.A. from this point of view do not appear to have been bestowed by Government on this measure."

A GROSS UNDERESTIMATE

"It is possible", the minute says, that this measure may well have the effect of placing restrictions on business and free exchange of capital which may become less liquid. The amount of tax estimated by Government as likely to be realised in the budget year under the amended provision of the Bill is two crores. This, in our view, is a gross underestimate. We consider as a conservative estimate, taking into consideration the transactions widely known that the yield will be considerably higher."

Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai in a supplementary minute of dissent says that "gains accruing from the sale of capital assets in Indian States or foreign countries by a resident of British India should be exempted from the scope of this Bill, provided the amount so realised from the sale of such capital assets is not brought into British India."

NEVER ASKED FOR PROTECTION FROM LEAGUE

PESHAWAR, March 19 (U. P. I.): Rai Bahadur Dinanath, President of the Hindu-Sikh Minorities' Protection Board, North-West Frontier Province, has issued the following statement to the Press:—

"My attention has been drawn to a statement issued to the Press by the Hon. Mr. Abdur Rab Nishtar, Member in the Interim Government, on departure from his recent visit to Peshawar. A portion of this statement appears to have created a gross misunderstanding among the general public. The Honourable Member is reported to have said in his statement that a deputation of Hindus and Sikhs requested him for their protection by means of Muslim League National Guards all over Peshawar.

"I wish to contradict this part of the statement very strongly as during the verbal discussion we had made no reference whatsoever to the employment of Muslim League National Guards for the protection of the Hindus and Sikhs.

"Our brief conversation with the Honourable Member was most friendly and cordial during the course of which he assured the deputation that the murder and forcible conversion of innocent Hindus and Sikhs and acts of arson had the sanction neither of the Muslim League nor of Islam and his line of action during his short visit to the Frontier had been chiefly diverted to create an atmosphere for communal peace and harmony in the Province."

RED SHIRT MISSION TO PESHAWAR

PESHAWAR, March 19. (A. P. I.): About 200 Red Shirt volunteers have arrived in Peshawar from Charsadda Tehsil (eighteen miles north of Peshawar) to "check violence non-violently and to restore confidence among Hindus and Sikhs in Peshawar," said Mr. Mohammed Yahya Jan, Minister for Local Self-Government, at a Press Conference yesterday.

Mr. Yahya Jan, who had dressed himself in the red uniform of Khudai Khidmatgars, revealed that the Red Shirt volunteers had come into the city in two's without breaking the order under Section 144 Cr. P. C. He said the volunteers would carry no arms, not even lathis, as they were a purely non-military organisation.

The Minister laid stress on the fact that the only reason for their coming was to assist the 30,000 Hindus and Sikhs of Peshawar to regain their confidence and open their shops, thus restoring normalcy in the City. They would be helped in their task by local Red Shirt volunteers.

Mr. Yahya Jan made it clear that the work of peace the Red Shirts had taken up in the City had no connection with Government policy or Police and Military affairs. They would take orders only from their Salar Azam.

This is the first experiment of its kind being tried in the Frontier and the Red Shirt Salar Azam, Salar Amin Jung, is confident that his non-violent servants of God will instil confidence in the minorities and clear the communal tension prevailing in the City.

The Red Shirts have camped in the southern part of the City in two groups of about one thousand each and it is stated that they are not in any way violating Section 144 or food ration arrangements.

10 KILLED IN AIR CRASH IN COLOMBO

COLOMBO, March 19 (Reuter). Ten people were killed instantaneously when a Royal Air Force passenger York aircraft on service from the United Kingdom to Singapore crashed this morning shortly after 5 o'clock (local time) soon after taking off from the Negombo aerodrome.

Those killed were four members of the crew of six and six out of nine passengers. Another passenger died later.

The four survivors, who are slightly injured, are in hospital.

It is learned the York Aircraft developed engine trouble soon after taking off from Negombo and the pilot unsuccessfully tried to head off towards the sea. The plane crashed on palm trees, two miles from the aerodrome and burst into flames.

The passengers comprised of naval personnel and civilians.

Don't Observe "Punjab Day"

Mahatma's Appeal To All Indians

PATNA, March 19 (U.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi in the course of his post-prayer speech yesterday appealed to all Indians not to observe the 'Punjab Day' as he thought that the observance of such a day any where would be a clear invitation for mutual slaughter between brother and brother.

BIHAR MUSLIMS PERTURBED

Earlier Gandhiji said that he was told that the Bihar tragedy was largely due to the excitement caused by the observance of the 'Noakhali Day.' He was also told, he added, that the Muslims of Bihar were perturbed by the talk that was going about that the 'Punjab Day' was to be observed on March 23. Gandhiji hoped that it was a mere rumour which had no foundation in fact.

WOULD RATHER PERISH IN THE FLAMES

Such observance anywhere, Gandhiji observed, would mean a clear invitation for mutual slaughter between brother and brother. He said that he had told his Muslim friends that if such a misfortune took place in Bihar he would want to perish in the flames.

"My innocent prayer to God is that he would not keep me alive to witness such an awful and disgraceful scene", the Mahatma concluded.

YENAN FALLS TO CHIANG'S TROOPS

NANKING, March 19. (Reuter): The Chinese Communist Capital of Yenan fell to Government troops at 10 o'clock this morning, the Chinese Ministry of Information reported today.

Fighting for the famous "Cave City" began 54 miles South of Yenan on March 11 with Communist troops gaining an initial success. The Nationalist troops, however, recovered the lost ground and advanced to Kanchuan, about 30 miles South of the City.

Gen. Chen Cheng, the Chinese Chief of Staff, told the Kuomintang General Executive earlier today that Government troops had encircled Kanchuan and that a Nationalist column had reached a point only five miles south of the Capital. Furious fighting was going on immediately south of Yenan.

Dr. Peng Hsuenpei, the Chinese Minister of Information, said today that after the fall of Yenan, the military situation in China would hinge on Communist policy which, up to the present, had been to place "implicit faith in armed force, regardless of the sufferings of the people."

Reviewing the military situation in Manchuria, Dr. Peng said that on March 16, the Communists started to retreat in disorder from Nungan and Tehwei and had now been cleared from the area of the Sungari river. Government forces inflicted losses totalling 20,000 troops on the Communists in the Nungan area where the fighting had been most heavy.

Fasting Congressman Refuses To Budge

Will Be Asked By Speaker To Quit Secretariat

MADRAS, March 19. (A.P.I.): Potu Sriramulu, who is now on fast "for bringing about unity among Congress Legislators", was seen squatting on one of the Secretariat verandahs today.

Although he was advised by the Premier, Mr. T. Prakasam, to give up the fast, Mr. Sriramulu said he was continuing it as "life became impossible for a Congress worker, when disunity existed among the rank and file of the Congress Party."

Mr. Sriramulu said he had written a letter to Mahatma Gandhi and informed him that he had undertaken the fast solely on moral grounds in order to appeal to the conscience of the Madras Congress Legislators in electing a Leader on March 21."

A reference to Sriramulu's fast was made in the Madras Assembly this afternoon when a Muslim League member asked the Speaker what steps Government proposed to take in the matter as it was a "heart-rending sight" to see a person fasting inside the Secretariat premises.

The Speaker replied that Sriramulu would be asked to leave the place forthwith and not to fast at the Secretariat.

Two Soviet Consulates In Persia Closed

TEHRAN, March 19. (Reuter): Soviet consulates at Shiraz, the capital of Fars province in Southern Persia and Sari, the capital of Mazandaran province in the north, have closed, the Persian Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

It is a sad comment on the state of the nation that in Madras, that province dominated by the urge for purity, the examination papers of the school leaving certificate could be sold at 2 annas each.

Madras is the province which is making a desperate effort to put the clock back in more spheres than one. The attitude of the Madras Government in turning down machinery for mills is but one example of the back-to-nature movement which appears to be thriving as a fad in that province. The urge for purity is further evidenced in the attempt made to stop racing and to enforce prohibition. Yet with all these ridiculously Utopian ideas, the Minister for Education was unable to safeguard the most elementary secrets, namely the questions on examination papers. The Education Minister was was not even aware that the examination papers were available at 2 annas each.

All this brings me back to the point I have tried to make on more occasions than one, namely that it is no use having freedom if we do not NOW learn how to use it. Graft and corruption, whether so cheap as for 2 annas or at the higher rates as is still being carried on in the departments of police and supplies and has got to be stopped before June, 1948, if not earlier.

In this town, for instance, the police are openly charging Re. 1 a head in order to allow dinner parties of more than 24 people to be held. It is odd that with the great anti-corruption department which is at the disposal of the Government of Bombay, this news of an everyday occurrence should have to be mentioned in the column of a newspaper. It is unbelievable that the police department and the anti-corruption department are unaware of this practice. The worst offenders are Parsi caterers who have come to this arrangement with the police.

What explanation has the Home Member of this ridiculous state of affairs, whereby the poor are being punished everywhere for breaking the law, even technically, while the rich are allowed to break it with the full knowledge and consent of the police department.

This is a serious matter. It is not for me as an individual to supply the names of the people, parties and the police personnel concerned in this ramp. We pay to maintain this anti-corruption department of the Congress Government and we expect to see some results.

There is one further point in connection with Parsi dinners for Parsi weddings and Navjotes. On what basis may I ask the Home Member, is a Parsi caterer allowed to serve fish, chicken and meat at the same meal, when elsewhere in the same city, everyone else is expected strictly to adhere to the ABC formula of one substantial dish and one supplementary. Has the anti-corruption department of the Government of Bombay ever been present at these dinners? Has it ever made a report to the Home Member? If not, why not?

Instances like these reflect badly on the present Government. A people's Government cannot afford to let this state of affairs continue. The Congress has to make up its mind which way it wants to govern the provinces of India, for the elections of the future will no longer be fought merely on anti-British platforms.

"K. (H) PERMITS FOR CHARCOAL"

Government of Bombay has now decided to issue charcoal to dhobies, laundries, institutions and establishments.

Dhobies and laundry-owners should apply in N1 form to the Rationing Office of their ward. On receipt of the applications and after necessary verification K(H) permits will be issued by the Rationing Office, WHICH WILL BE VALID ONLY FOR CHARCOAL.

Institutions and establishments holding foodgrains permits not possessing K(H) permits should similarly apply in N1 form to the Rationing Office and produce their foodgrains permits and authorisation.

Institutions and establishments holding foodgrains permit who already possess K(H) permits should produce the permits at the Rationing Office from which they have been issued together with their foodgrains permits and authorisation, so that the quantity of charcoal for which they are valid may be indicated on the K(H) permits.

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"	"	"	3 "	"	"	15	"	5	"
"	"	"	4 "	"	"	20	"	7	"
"	"	"	5 "	"	"	25	"	8	"
"	"	"	6 "	"	"	30	"	9	"
"	"	"	7 "	"	"	35	"	10	"
"	"	"	8 "	"	"	40	"	11	"
K(H)	permits	issued	for	41-79	foodgrains	units	"	15	"
"	"	"	"	80-119	"		"	18	"
"	"	"	"	120-159	"		"	21	"
"	"	"	"	160-199	"		"	24	"
"	"	"	"	200-239	"		"	27	"
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Our Readers' Views

"An Invitation To India's Food Member"

Sir,—This is with reference to Mr. G. B. L. Bhatnagar's letter which appeared in your issue dated the 17th March 1947 on the supplies of foodgrains and sugar to restaurants, hotels or such other establishments in Bombay.

Mr. Bhatnagar evidently is a new comer to Bombay and is, therefore, unaware of even such rules as have been in force for nearly four years. For instance, he talks about the Halwais getting rice and wheat, when under orders which were issued in 1943, long before any other Province even thought of doing so, preparation of sweets from wheat-flour or any other wheat product or from rice-flour or any other rice product has been prohibited in Bombay City and Suburbs.

It seems necessary nevertheless to meet such misinformed criticism lest your readers in other provinces might get the impression that Bombay has not sufficiently tightened its belt and is seeking outside assistance in the way of foodgrains without putting its own house in order.

Bombay being an important centre of commercial and industrial activity there are thousands of persons who come to the City and Suburbs every day.

According to the rationing rules in force a visitor can get a ration card only if his stay is likely to be more than a week in the rationed area. A very large portion of such arrivals is of persons not entitled to obtain a ration card. They have to stay at hotels or feed themselves at establishments. In a few cases they stay with hosts who are, in fact, with the reduced rations, not in a position to feed the visitors without having recourse to catering establishments at some stage. Due to the difficulty of securing proper accommodation a large number of persons have to stay in Bombay without their families and take their meals at eating houses. In addition to this, due to the place of business being far away from their residence, a number of persons have to take meals or refreshments on working days at some restaurant or tea-shop. It is estimated that nearly 3 lakhs of persons are dependent on restaurants for meals and refreshments. Those residents of Bombay who have both the meals at establishments can deposit their ration cards with the eating houses. Others who have to draw their ration at home no doubt get an extra quantity from the restaurants.

The question as to whether meal-tickets should be introduced for all visitors in Bombay as well as persons taking occasional or regular meals at restaurants has been considered by the rationing authorities time and again. In all such things it has, however, to be considered whether the advantages to be gained by a rigid system of rationing are commensurate with the expenditure involved in enforcing such a system, since it would mean that arrangements must be made for every visitor to Bombay for getting meal-ticket as soon as he arrives, and for further issue of meal-tickets according to his stay. Since it would also mean issue of meal-tickets to the individuals who have regular or occasional meals or refreshments at restaurants there must be an organisation sufficient to cope with the meal-tickets which may come to the establishments and the issue of supplies to them accordingly. And what is the total quantity involved? The issue of foodgrains to catering establishments and residential hotels in Bombay and Bombay Suburban District is about 35 tons a day as against the present off-take of about 800 tons a day for the whole population of Bombay and Bombay Suburban District. The increase of 4 per cent or so in the ration of individuals by the stoppage of present pratice of allowing consumption at establishments off the ration would hardly justify the enormous administrative machinery that would be necessary for the purpose and the consequent increase in the price of foodgrains.

Mr. Bhatnagar says that the quality of foodgrains available at establishments is far superior to that available to individuals. No distinction whatsoever is made in the supplies issued to individuals and establishments.

The quantity of sugar given to catering establishments in Bombay City and Suburbs is about 15 tons per day as against a total off-take of 120 tons a day for the whole population. On an average a catering establishment gets 10 lbs a day. The quantity of sugar given to a Mithaiwala also works out to about 10 lbs. a day, the total quantity being about 1-3/4 tons per day.

Catering establishments at present get only 50 per cent of the sugar that was allowed to them at the beginning of Rationing. The complete stoppage of mithais would make no appreciable difference in the quantum of sugar ration although the stoppage of sugar to all catering establishments might allow a little increase in the ration of an individual. Individuals will then have to carry their own sugar with them to take tea at establishments.

As already stated before no sweets can be prepared from wheat-flour or rice-flour. Mithaiwalas and confectioners use barley-flour and other non-rationed articles. Gramflour which is not a rationed article is issued to the catering establishments as well as mithaiwalas and confectioners on permits, and the quantity allowed is fixed according to the supply position from time to time. It is, therefore, incorrect to say that waste of wheat-flour or rice flour occurs by their issue to Halwais. In fact, bakers also are prevented from using wheat-flour for any preparation other than bread.

You will observe that Bombay certainly is not guilty of extravagance in the use of foodgrains and has reason to be proud that it has saved itself so far by its own exertion and the rest of the country by its example.—Yours, etc.,

P. N. S. RAZDAN,
Public Relations Officer (Rationing).

Parsi Matrimonial Court

Sir,—The election to the nine seats that have fallen vacant on the Parsi Chief Matrimonial Court comes off on Thursday (March 20) at 4-30 p.m., at at the J. J. P.B. Institution, as arranged by the Trustees of the Parsi Punchayet. These nine sents have fallen vacant according to the revised Act of 1936 to make decennial fresh elections. So nine delegates who are due to retire are vacating their seats and fresh elections are taking place as stated above.

Of course, all these nine retiring delegates are eligible for re-election. But the question is whether in the wider interests of the communal welfare, some of them at least (who are sexagenarians and septuagenarians and who are unable even to attend the Court regularly) can or cannot make room for new candidates, some of whom are young and a few though not so advanced in age are very active in their social activities and give promises of daily growing useful work for the community as their record of service so far has shown. I have learnt most reliably that one of them is not definitely standing though he has been forced by the coterie of Justices (who want to see their band remains intact) to stand again. There are a few out of the nine (one of them having 32 years' service at the Court) who also do not want to stand as candidates but who are forced to stand on the joint ticket. If this is done there will be no earthly chance for the new candidates. Commonsense and prudence demand that they should make room for younger persons or those who are advanced in age but very active in spirit and ready to do the work willingly. I trust they will see the wisdom of this argument and give a chance to the new candidates.

Let me not be misunderstood. I know that among the nine there are some who are advanced in age but are active and still can do some service to the community. But my contention is against those who are too old to work and who do not want to contest but are still forced to stand by the coterie.

RUSTOM BEHRAM PANTHAKY.

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, March 19.

Coirvarn Beypore 190/200, Quilandy 200/210, Fibre Garbled 175, Ungarbled 160, Coconuts Raw 115, Dry 120, Coconutoil 431, Copra office 275, Diplasand 285, Madras Nottam 310, Pepper Wynaad 515, Country 510, Dry Ginger Chernad 290, Ernad 275, Coffee Robusta 90, Timber Pali 52/8, Junglewood 30, Vellapine 47/8, Benteak 50, Teak 100, Mangoplanks 41/8, Teak 18, Rosewood 18.

HUMAN EYE BANK

Mrs. Kathrene S. Hartman places a jar containing a human eye in tray of refrigerator of the "eye bank" at the Stafford Medical School, San Francisco. Eyes are thus preserved until needed for Corneal operations.

'Ajax' And 'Achilles' For Indian Navy

BRITISH SHIPS "WITH GLORIOUS HISTORY" ACQUIRED

LONDON, MARCH 19 (REUTER): THE BRITISH CRUISERS, 'AJAX,' 'ACHILLES' AND 'LEANDER' HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY INDIA FOR THEIR USE, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION. MR. W. J. EDWARDS TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING, WHEN REPLYING TO THE DEBATE ON NAVY ESTIMATES.

The Opposition, earlier in the debate, had expressed regret at the 'Ajax' and the 'Achilles', "two ships with such glorious history",—they took part in the battle of River Plate—leaving the Royal Navy.

Mr. Edwards said that he did not know when the ships would be taken over. It might be some time.

India was not taking over all the three at once and it might be some considerable time before the second and the third were taken.

Asked by Mr. Brendan Bracken, first Lord of the Admiralty in Mr. Churchill's "Care-Taker" Government, if they were being sold, Mr. Edwards replied that he thought they were being lent.

Sir Ronald Ross (Conservative) pointed out that it was stated in the House of Lords that they were being sold to India. He wanted to know the cost.

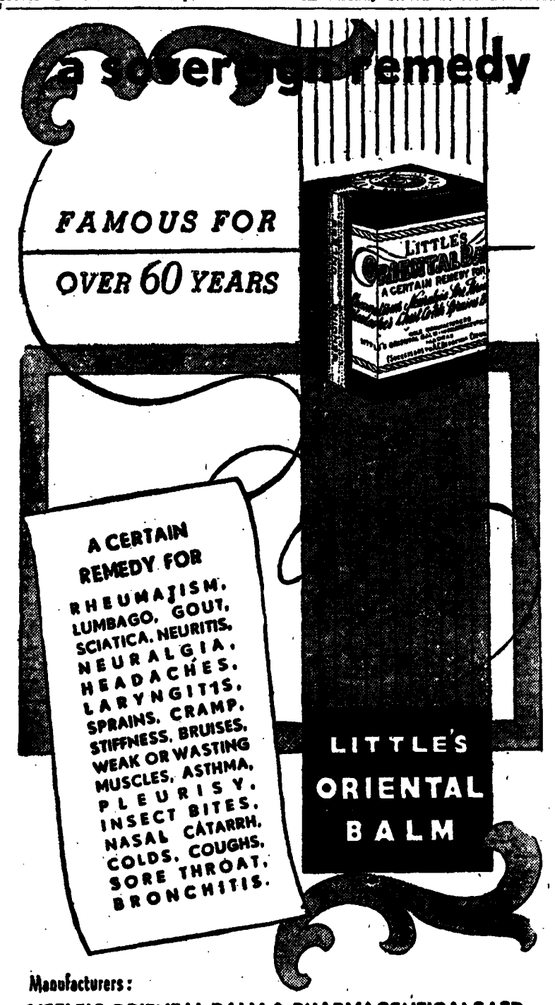
Mr. Edwards replied that if it was so stated in the House of Lords, he would imagine it was quite correct.

The matter was then dropped.

Later, the estimates were agreed to and the House rose.

SAXENA EXPELLED FROM U. P. CONGRESS

LUCKNOW, March 18 (A.P.I.): The council of the U. P. Congress Committee has approved the recommendation of the disciplinary sub-committee expelling Mr. Shibbanial Saxena from Congress for two years and has referred the matter to the Congress President for confirmation.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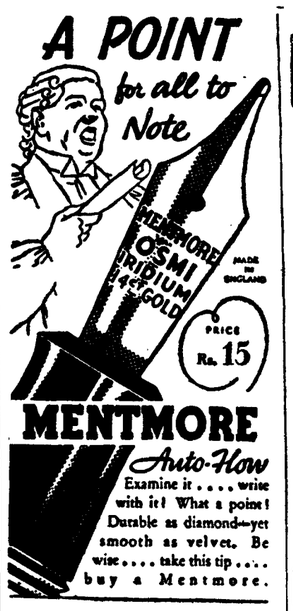
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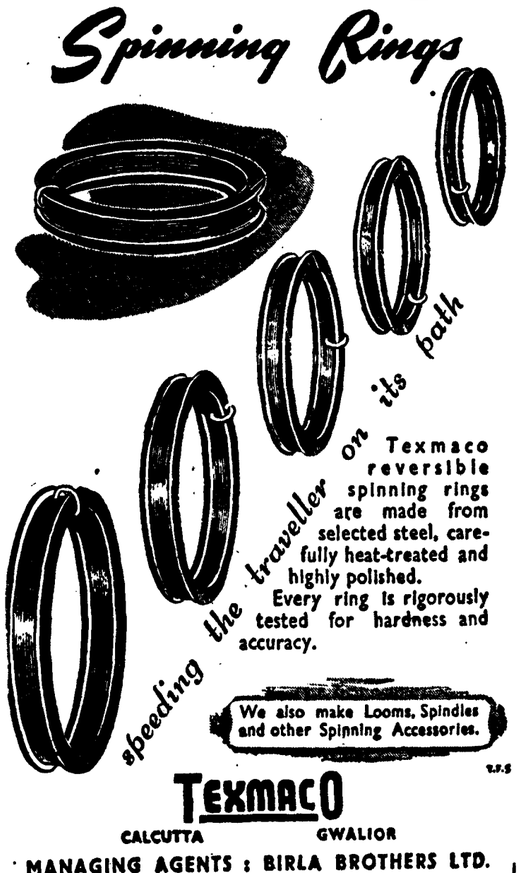

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PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 19.

There were unconfirmed reports in the local market that the British Food Ministry has bought 3 000 tons of groundnut oil as well as linseed and castorseed oil. In the local market groundnuts Khandesh were quoted at Rs. 30/8. Coromandal Rs. 29/12 and Bold Rs. 29/8. Linseed ready Rs. 23/4 and April/May delivery Rs. 26/15 Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 128/2 and advanced at Rs. 128/12. Groundnut oil Bombay mills Rs. 19/-. April delivery Rs. 17/12 Linseed oil Rs. 21/2 and Castorseeds oil Rs 19/-.

In the afternoon Castorseeds May advanced at Rs. 129|14 but reached at Rs. 128|14. Linseed April-May also after advancing at Rs. 27|4 and steadied at Rs. 27|1.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May contract is 1788 cents points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

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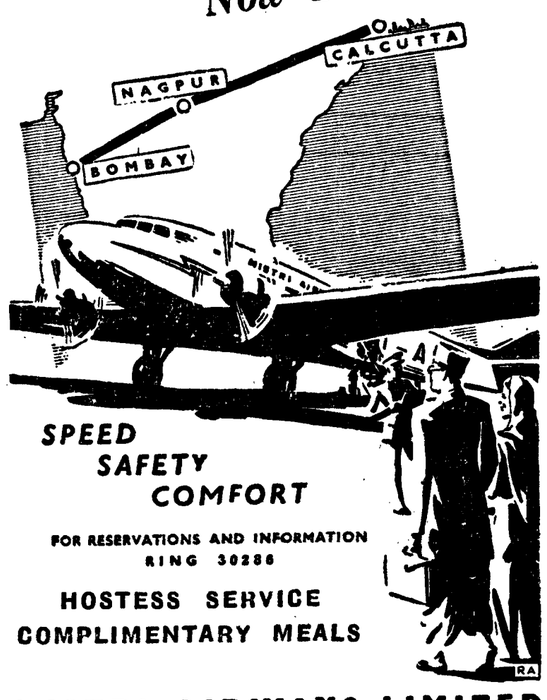

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Sharp Recovery In Shares After General Drop

COTTON RULES QUIET WITH SCATTERED BUSINESS

Bullion Prices Improve On Short Covering

BOMBAY, March 19.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened steady and under scattered buying small improvement was recorded. Later on the recommendations of the Select Committee were received which influenced heavy selling pressure as the market was looking for more relief.

The tax of 25 per cent remains unchanged but concession of 5 per cent is granted on paid up capital and reserve fund less borrowing. Hindu joint family and partner-ship firms are given a relief up to two lakhs. Thus one can find some relief in the proposed taxation but the market was disappointed as the figure of 25 per cent was not lowered. It remains to be seen how the assembly views the report of the Select Committee.

Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 2302/8 and improved at Rs. 2310 but later declined at Rs. 2240/- and steadied at Rs. 2270/- Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 425/- and after declining at Rs. 410/- improved at Rs. 418/- Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2265/- and advanced at Rs. 2280/- but gave way at Rs. 2160 on increased selling. shrdlu11Vk andu at Rs. 2210. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 740/- and after declining at Rs. 675/- recovered at Rs. 710/- Simplex shares opened at Rs. 318/- and after touching Rs. 330/- quietened at Rs. 315/- and steadied at Rs. 318 Swadeshi Mills opened at Rs. 635/- and were marked down at Rs. 570/- but rallied at Rs. 615/- on short covering. Scindia shares were placed at Rs. 33/- while Central Bank opened at Rs. 124/- and after improving at Rs. 127/8 steadied at Rs. 126.

Towards the close there was further short covering which resulted in sharp rise in Bombay Dyeing Shares while Steels also recovered. Closing, tone of the market was steady.

MILLS SHARES.

Bombay Dyeing 2300 Kohinoor 732 Swadesh 622 Nagpur 313 Simplex 325 New Great 372 Gokak 314 Indore 632/8 Century 1060 Colaba 250 Indian Bleaching 178 Swan 370 Finlay 312 Morarji 770 Edward 620 Meyer 270 Apollo 4/6 I. U. Ordinary 16/8 I. U. Defd. 3/8 Madhusudan 455 Podar 340 Khatav 320.

STEEL SHARES.

Tata Steel Ord. 428 Tata Steel Dfd. 2287/8 Second Pref. 160/8.

CEMENT.

Associated Merger 185.

INDUSTRIES.

Burma 472/8 Bellapur 241 Shivrajpur 44 Scindia 33/4 P. Construction 208 Tata Chemical 16/10 Tata Oil 84 Indian Iron 38/8 Bengal Steel 29.

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tram Ordinary 110/8 Tata Hydro 177 Andhra 1640 Tata Power 1665.

MILLS (CASH).

Elphinstone 88/8 Phoenix 1325 India Manufacturing 4300 Koorla 300 Dawn 1600 David 180 New City 260 Minerva 300 Bradbury 625 Bharucha (Defd.) 8 Bharat 55 Mysore 330 Madhavji 17 Model 215/10 Laxmi 1870 Vishnu 640 Western 4300 Standard 562/8 Sholapur 7400 Sassoon Cotton 24/8 Hindustan 4300 Tata 110 Ahmedabad Advance 530 Sassoon Silk 101 New Union 26/14 Madhusudan B. 107 Shrinivas 437/8 Raja Bahadur 116/4 Berar 375 Victoria 425.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 160 (New) 129 Surat (Ord.) 243/12 New Pre. 211/4 Karachi 240 Broach 13 Ajmer 15/2 Amalgamated 20/4 Jalgaon 14/12 Nagpur 58 Poona 260 Bombay Suburban 202/8 Bombay Suburban (New) 164/10.

BANK SHARES.

Reserve 120 Imperial 2315 P. P. 560 Central 128 India X.D. 238 Union 12/4 Baroda 170 Habib 196 Dena Bank 70/8 United Commercial 86 Jaipur 74 Bikaner 31 Hindustan Corpn. 53 National Savings (fully paid) 82 Mysore 505 Exchange (Ord.) 65 Eastern 106 Bombay Provincial 85.

INSURANCE.

Oriental 6300 Empire 975 New India 93/8 Jupiter 38/8 Vulcan 16/12 Indian Mercantile 63/8 Universal Fire 20/8 Vasant 26/4 British India General 26/8 Industrial Prudential 61/12 Neptune 13/6 New Great 43 All-India General 40/4.

RAILWAYS.

C. P. 107 Mymensing 113 Guaranteed 113 Sara Sirajganj 116 Pachora 101 Mandra Bhon 116.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 560 Steamer 375 Burma New 170 Burma Petrol 3/9 Mackenzie 185 Port Canning 90 Kemp 575 Zandu Pharmacy 202/8 Indian Radio (Ord.) 377 Indian Radio B. 375 Indian Radio 362/8 Indian Investment Trust 121/8 Wimco X. R. 262/8 Dharamsey Chemical 30 Mukund Iron 14/12 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 365 Supreme India 228 Jamwire 141/8 Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 390 United Motor 70 A. C. C. New 70.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 235 Tram 52/8 Andhra Valley 1370 Tata Power 1415 Hydro 140 Bombay Steamer 348/12 Nagpur 720 Swadeshi 150 Vishnu 605 Laxmi 306/4 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 130/10 Bradbury 553/12 Surat Elec. 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 153/12 (2nd Pref.) 122/8 Amalgamated 156/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 122/8 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 107.

OUTSIDE SHARES.

Indian Copper 3/8 B. I. C. 9/15 Burma Corporation 4/8 New Victoria 6/14 New Victoria Preference 7/14 Raja 40 Phalton 140 Gold Mohar 405 New Kaiser Hind 470 Sajjan 375 Osmanshahi 322/8 Ajam Shahi 295 Air Services 19 Birla Motors 8/4 Marshall 8/8 Air India Premium 175.

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RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, March 19.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/6 4/6/8 4/6 4/7 4/4 4/6 4/5 4/6
Bharat 55
B. Dyeing 2265 60 80 62/8 65 2160 2300
Bradbury 625
C. India 320 21 290 313
Colaba 260 62 50 (ex. div.)
E. Textiles 640 2/8 20
Elphinstone (Ord.) 88 88/8
Elphinstone (Pref.) 130/10
Finlay 315 17 18 18 300 3 294 311 10 12
Gokak 320 235 314
I. U. (Defd.) 3/8 3/8/6 3/5 3/7 3/5 3/8
I. U. (Ord.) 16/4 16/6 16/2 16/5 16/8 16/8
Indore 637/8 25 27/8 7/8 31/4 27/8 32/8
Kohinoor 740 20 22 675 732
Madhowji (Defd.) 18 17
Madhusudan 455
Meyer 270
Model 220 15 22/8 15 15/10
New Great 378 77 82 33 72
Simplex 318 20 15 18 5 25
Swadeshi 633 27 30 570 622
Swan 382 86 73
Tata Mills 112/8 13 9 10
Vishnu 640

BANKS.

Central 125 27/8 24 28
Habib 196/8 96
Imperial (Old) 2320 15
Imperial (New) 565 57/8 60
India 238 37/8 38
Reserve 122/8 19
U. Commercial 85 86

ELECTRIC.

B. Tram (Ord.) 112/8 11 12 9 10/8
B. Tram (Pref.) 51/8 52/8
Tata Hydro 160 77
Tata (Pref.) 140
Tata Power 1640
New India Ins. 91 92/8 92 93/8 91/8 93/8
Scindhia 33 33/12 31/12 33/4
B. Steam 580 75

STEEL.

B. Steel 28/12 29 27/12 29
I. Iron 38/12 39 38/4 38/8
Tata (Defd.) 2302/8 20 2300 10 2300 5 2245 60 40 2300 2280 90 85 87/8
Tata (Ord.) 425 22 23 10 16 13 28
Tata (Hind Pref.) 160 61 60/8

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. C. C. (Old) 187 84 85 75 85
A. C. C. (New) 72/8 69 70
Belapur 242 44 41 43 28 30 26 41
B. B. (Old) 500 425 72/8
B. B. (New) 170
B. B. Petrol 3/9
Dharamshi Chem. 30
P. Construction 209 10 7 11 197 206
Shivrajpur 44
Tata Chemical 16/12 17 16/12 17 16/4 16/10
Tata Oil 84 86 84
Wimco 276/4 62/8

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GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 19.

The Bullion Market was quietly steady with mixed trading. Vaishakh Silver opened at Rs. 154/4 and improved at Rs. 154/12 under scattered buying. At this level there was increased liquidation and the market declined at Rs. 153/8 but prices rallied at Rs. 154/4 on short covering. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 163/8.

Vaishakh Gold opened today at Rs. 99/4 and improved at Rs. 100/- on scattered buying but declined at Rs. 98/- on general selling. Later on short covering resulted on a rally at Rs. 98/12. Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 103/8 while Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 68/4.

Thereafter there was a steady flow of short covering which hardened Vaishakh Silver at Rs. 154/14 while Vaishakh Gold also improved at Rs. 99/8.

The market finally closed as under:

	Rs. as. p.
Ready Silver	163 8 0
Vaishakh Delivery	155 6 0
Ready Gold	104 0 0
Vaishakh Delivery	100 7 0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 19.

The local cotton market quiet today with scattered business. May delivery opened at Rs. 434/8 and declined at Rs. 434/-. The market was dull and increasing stocks are telling on the price structure and though prices are near the Government's fixed floor level, the statistical outlook does not indicate any improvement in prices in the near future.

Later on there was slightly improved buying and May delivery was quoted at Rs. 435/-.

The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I. C. C. March	Unquoted.
I. C. C. May	434 6 0
I. C. C. July	446 8 0
I. C. C. Sept.	456 0 0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, March. 18.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
May	436	434	434-3/8
July	447½	446	44613/8
Sept.	457½	455	456-1/8

Karachi 4F May 46-15-6 46-10-3 46-10-6

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, March 19.

Tata Ordinary 424; Tata Deferred 2267/8; Indian Iron 38/4; Steel Corpn. of Benal 28/12; Bombay Dyeing 2280; Central India 317/8; Gokak 313/12; Kohinoor 725; Simplex 332; Swadeshi 618/2; Tata Power 1640; Associated Cement 185; Belapur 241/4; Bombay Burma (Old) 472/8; Scindia 33; Central Bank 126/2; New India 93/12; Tata 2nd Pref. 160/10.

Irregular Price Movements On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

COLLAPSE OF WHEAT INDUCES UNLOADING

NEW YORK, March 18, (U.P.A.):

Quiet trading and erratic prices featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. The volume of business transacted was estimated at around 154,000 bales. Activity was dwarfed by the sensationally wide fluctuations in wheat. The business done was mostly of professional origin and prices were responsive to small orders either way. Spot houses were pre-occupied with switching May to later positions. New business was restricted by outside political and economic uncertainties plus the revival of consumer price resistance in textiles and uncertainties regarding its effect on raw cotton consumption

Today's session opened two to eight higher. Prices climbed to gains of $1 per bale as wheat shot up beyond $3 per bushel to a new thirty-year high. With the collapse of wheat, earlier buyers unloaded their holdings, forcing the market down 40 to 61 from the top. Last minute covering and trade buying was steadying and the list closed five higher to seven lower.

A prominent New Orleans operator was an active trader on both sides. He sold 5,000 bales after the opening, covered then and resold in the late trading. The temporary initial upturn was aided by the overnight accumulation of mill, trade and shipper buying. Chart readers switched themselves to the buying side when May pierced the resistance point of 34.77.

SELL HOLDINGS

Traders are closely watching developments in the new crop and spot markets. Mr. W. M. Garrard, General Manager of the Staple Co-operative Association of Greenwood Mississippi, is urging growers to sell the remainder of their old crop holdings at the 35-cent level. He pointed out that the full average price of cotton in the Mississippi Delta this season has been 34.80 cents and that the 35-cent level was sufficiently high to give a substantial profit. Garrard urged producers not to speculate on unsold cotton. With only seven months of the cotton year gone, unsold cotton in growers' possession is nearing complete liquidation and a situation has been created which will make it "interesting to see how shippers will meet forward commitments and how mills will acquire their needs for the third quarter of the year."

Messrs. McFadden and Brothers, a leading spot cotton firm, said that fairly large blocks of cotton came out on the recent advance, but it was becoming more apparent now that supplies were very limited in most sections.

On the new crop situation, the New York Cotton Exchange trade report noted that the increased number of days in freezing temperatures this winter will reduce the survival of boll weevil, but warned that high summer temperatures will be a more important factor in the control of the pest.

SHIPMENT TO CHINA.

Shippers report that some 300,000 bales of American cotton earmarked for China have not yet been shipped and indicated that Government officials favour cancellation of these exports if the Chinese Government does not issue permits for the shipment. But, meanwhile, the UNRRA is expected to spend 3,500,000 dollars and possibly 12,500,000 dollars to buy cotton for shipment to China.

Traders expressed the opinion that the late rebound in the face of the weakness of outside markets is re-assuring to buyers' confidence and utilization of setbacks for purchases to the 40-cent line is advocated by usually well informed quarters.

LONDON DOMESTIC SILVER PRICE LOWERED

LONDON, March 18, (U.P.A.):

The domestic silver price was again lowered today. Spot was quoted at 45-1/2 and forward at 45 pence per ounce following the decline in the New York price.

The previous day's prices were 46 pence for spot and 45-1/2 pence for forward.

The market was featureless apart from small domestic trade demand.

NEW WORK PEPPER STRONG.

NEW YORK, March 18, (U. P. A.):

Pepper was strong on the New York market today on uncertainties regarding further exports from India and the firm situation in Singapore. September was traded up to 43 cents, which is a new highs The spot market remained quiet with grinders apparently covering requirements for the time being. Packing of additional grindings has been rendered more difficult by lack of retail containers. Closing prices were:

March 54 nom.
May 52 nom.
July 50 asked.
October 42 bid.
December-January 40 nom.

FRENCH AND CZECH GOVTS. WANT LOANS FROM INDIA

BOMBAY, March 19 (A.P.I.): French and Czechoslovakia Governments have approached the Government of India for loans, it is reliably learnt, with a view to purchasing certain raw materials of which they are short. The Government of India are understood to be considering the requests.

The raw materials which they require include jute, cotton and hides.

RECOMMENDATIONS MEET HALF WAY, AT LEAST

No Need For Alarmist Cries, Says Mr. R. E. M. Patel

Mr. R. E. M Patel of Messrs. Patel & Ramdutt in a statement says:—

"In my opinion the Report of the Select Committee is quite fair. I say this because I find that it gives considerable relief and does not kill the goose which lays the golden eggs. For instance, I will quote one big company and that is Tata Steels. On the original budget proposals this company would have got next to no exemption for 25 per cent Business Profit Tax. All companies were to get only 1 lac exemption for this tax. So too Tata Steels. I consider this to be next to nothing. Whereas now according to the Select Committee's recommendations, 5 per cent of the Working Capital is to be exempted from this tax. Tata's Block now stands roughly at 21 crores, and thus at 5 per cent the exemption would be on 105 lacs. Thus at 25 per cent Business Profit Tax, Tatas would save roughly 21 lacs tax from the originally proposed tax. In my opinion this is a considerable relief. This is but one instance. Other companies will also get similar relief in proportion of their earnings.

This may not satisfy the Capitalists. It must however be noted that companies and individuals making huge profits must necessarily meet these taxes. Otherwise how should they run the Government. I am satisfied with the recommendations because they at least meet half way. Now there should be no alarmist's cries, because the Finance Member had already said in his Budget speech that this Business Profit Tax is meant for one year. So it appears to be a temporary tax. Let us only hope that he keeps this promise."

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 18.

May		34.62+03
May	Highest	34.83+24
May	Lowest	34.32—27
July		32.66+06
October		29.90—06
December		28.70—07
January	Nominal	28.55+55
March		28.20—07
Middling spot		35.99—

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

LONDON, March 18.

May	34.56+07
July	32.55+06
October	29.62—
December	28.70—02
March	bid 28.20
Middling spot	35.10—

LONDON BULLIN

LONDON, March 18.

Silver: Spot	45-1/2
Forward	45d.
Gold bars fine per oz.	168/6d.

NEW YORK SILVER.

NEW YORK, March 18.

U. S. price of foreign silver 70-7/8

NEW YORK SILVER DOWN 3-5/8 CENTS

NEW YORK, March 18, (U.P.A.):

The price of silver was today down on the New York Market by 3-5/8 cents per ounce and was quoted at 70-7/8 cents per ounce. The previous day's price was 74-1/2 cents per ounce.

DISPOSALS

IMPORTANT CORRECTION

Tender No. RCS,60126/A.

Please note that the highest offer above Rs. 55,000/- will be accepted for this tender. Rs. 5,000/- has been wrongly mentioned in Advertisement No. DS/235 which appeared in this paper.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER DISPOSALS, SOUTHERN CIRCLE, BOMBAY invites tenders for the purchase and removal of the following:—

STORES. I.

DESCRIPTION:	QUANTITY:
(a) DRAWERS WOOLLEN KNITTED LONG.	1400 Pairs
(b) DRAWERS WOOLLEN KNITTED LONG.	1.180 Pairs

LOCATION:
(a) ORDNANCE DEPOT, AVADI.
(b) ORDNANCE DEPOT, DEHU SIDING.

The goods are part worn and part serviceable and fair condition.

SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE: Tender No. RCS/30059/TX-1.

STORES. II.

DESCRIPTION:	QUANTITY:
SOU, WESTERS. R. N. TYPE OF DIFFERENT SIZES. (RAIN PROTECTING CAPS).	8943 Nos.
WATERPROOF OILSKIN COATS, R. N. Type of SIZES	2793 Nos.

Stores are in unused but in sticky condition.

LOCATION: THE NAVAL STORES GROUP -13, H.M.I. DOCKYARD, BOMBAY.

SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE: Tender No. RCS/30037/TX.

LAST DATE DUE: By 4 P.M. on 8th April 1947.

OFFERS should be sent separately for stores No. 1 & 2, in double covers, the inner being sealed and superscribed with the respective tender Nos. and should remain open for acceptance up to 8th May 1947.

EARNEST MONEY (refundable to unsuccessful tenderers) equal to 10% of the value of offer must be deposited in the Reserve/Imperial Bank of India or Government Treasury in favour of the Regional Commissioner Disposals, Southern Circle under Head of Accounts "Revenue Deposits." Offers accompanied with cheques are liable to be ignored.

TENDER FORMS, separately for the above stores are obtainable from this office on payment of Rs. 5/- per set (not refundable).

Samples can be inspected at site on production of permit to be obtained from this or in sample room attached to this office.

No guarantee is given of the quantity, quality or suitability of either of the above stores. Sales will be subject to conditions of Contract con. 117 obtainable at this office.

All further particulars can be secured from this office:

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER DISPOSALS, (SOUTHERN CIRCLE),

Mercantile Chambers, Graham Road Ballard Estate, Bombay.

Tel: 30041 (5 lines).

DS/236

THREE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lipsticks, rouge, perfumes, face and dusting powders, cologne, etc. Trade enquiries are invited.

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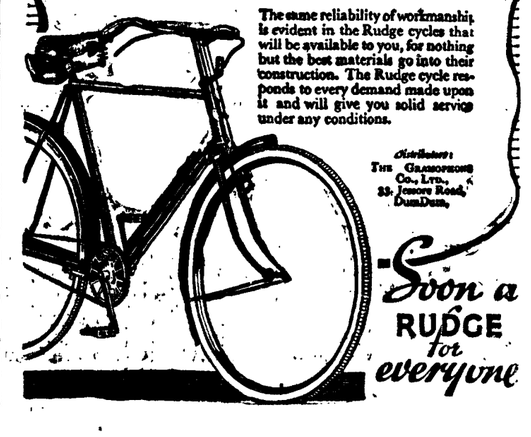

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SITUATIONS VACANT.

Wanted Graduate in Electro-Mechanical Engineering with some experience preferably Muslim for temporary post of Technical Assistant. Pay Rs. 200-20-400 P.M. plus allowances about Rs. 60/-. Apply before 1st April to the Administrative Officer, Indian Tariff Board, Contractor Bldg., Nicol Rd., Ballard Estate, Bombay. 2597

Wanted an experienced Accountant able to do correspondence in English, Kanarese and Marathi Languages. State Age, qualifications and minimum salary expected. Apply to Mr. Essa E. H. Jaffer Managing Partner, Bagalkot State and Tile Works, Bagalkot, (Dist. Bijapur). 5287

Wanted Junior Typist-Clerk. Apply stating salary required to Post Box No. 301, Bombay-1. 5282

Wanted one B.P.N.A. Nurse for this dispensary apply with testimonials and Pay required. Secretary Bodeli Dhohalig Public Dispensary P.O. Bodeli, G.B.S. Rly. (Dist. Baroda). 5286

Urgently required for T.B. Sanatorium at Bharapur Bhuj Cutch qualified Doctor, please apply Mathradas Haridas, 66, Karwar Street, Fort, Bombay 1, Telephone 25846 5288

Wanted—An experienced search clerk in a well-known solicitors office. Salary according to qualifications. Apply Box No. 5281, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted (1) Professor of English for a local College: Grade 200-25/2-300 E.B.-25/2-450. (2) Professor of Biology in above grade. Qualifications: B.Sc. (Botany-Zoology), M.Sc. or Ph.D. Botany, and teaching experience for B.Sc. Botany Classes. Higher start may be given to deserving candidate. (3) Lecturer in History, in the grade 150-15/2-250. Should have passed B.A. with Honours in History and M.A. with A and B course. Applications should reach Box No. 2606, before 26th March, 1947.

Employment seekers in all categories should contact, Employment Bureau (G.I.S.), Sargodha, N.W.R. (5159)

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Learn Magic for pleasure and profit Regular course taught scientifically in person or through post. Prof. Panday, The Indian Institute of Magical Entertainment East Mulund (G.I.P.). 1395

Admissions—Davar's College of Commerce—Professional and Commerce Diploma Courses suitable for Graduates, Undergraduates and others. Tuition personal or through post. Call or write for Prospectus, 81, Esplanade Road. 5283

BOOKS & MAGAZINES

Bombay's Weekly Commercial Magazine "The Bombay Market" (a Guide Where To Buy In Bombay) Price Rs. 1/8/- per copy. Yearly Rs. 48/-. Write to Agarwal Publishing Co., 428, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay. (5285)

MEDICAL ADLETS

Chronic Piles, Bawasir Patient. Try Himalaya Yogi's thrilling cure. Ask free P. Laul Bros., Jullundur City (Punjab). 4860

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted: Agents for the sale of "Bombay Chronicle" and the "Bombay Samachar" copies at Baroda. Apply to the Circulation Manager, The Bombay Chronicle Co., Ltd., Elphinstone Circle, Fort, Bombay.

Wanted Agents to sell the remaining shares of Messrs. Aryan Paper Mills Ltd., Subscribed Capital of the Company exceeds Rs. 35,00,000. Necessary advance payment for machineries already made. Delivery expected very soon. For full particulars please write to the Head Office at 12, Chowringhee Square, Calcutta. 1682

Wanted Agents to sell the limited number of forfeited shares of Bengal Share Dealers' Syndicate Ltd., a regular dividend paying and biggest joint stock concern in India dealing in stocks and shares. Apply sharp to Managing Director at "Share Dealers' House". Calcutta. 1683

Sole Agents for Indian Pencil Factory for ready stocks apply East and West Trading Co., Advani Chambers, Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road, Bombay, Telephone No. 22904. (2344)

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Rupees Twenty-five thousand's Insurance Policy for an investment of Rupees five hundred. For Natural Death Rupees Twenty-five thousand. Accidental Death Rupees Fifty thousand. Loans will be given for Sickness, Education, Marriages, Business, for Buying or Building House. Wanted Ladies and Gentlemen everywhere to work in spare time. Daily income Rupees Hundred! Before insuring of every kind in any Company of the world, please obtain expert advice from us. Apply immediately Bhogilal Hiralal Shah and Company, Post Box Number—713, Bombay. 1. Telegraphic Address:—"Bhogilalco", Bombay. (5006)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND.
LECTURER IN BIOCHEMISTRY. B. J. MEDICAL COLLEGES, POONA AND AHMEDABAD.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED before 10-5-1947 for two posts of LECTURER IN BIOCHEMISTRY at B. J. Medical Colleges, Poona and Ahmedabad. PAY—Rs. 400--30-700 (subject to revision) with prospects of promotion to the post of PROFESSOR of Physiology. AGE—Not more than 35 years on 1-7-1947 but may be relaxed in the case of suitable candidates. QUALIFICATIONS—(1) A degree in Medicine or other qualifications specified in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1933 or a degree in Science of a statutory University with a sound knowledge of Biochemistry and Biophysics. (ii) Post-graduate work in the subject concerned. Those who possess a Ph.D. or other post-graduate qualifications in Biochemistry or candidates with teaching experience in Physiology will be preferred. Candidates possessing a medical degree with original published research in Physiology or Biochemistry will be considered suitable. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3 1/2 annas stamps and UNCROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1 payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will also supply full details on request. 2600

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of a stenographer. The post is temporary for a period of one year in the first instance. The grade of the post is Rs. 90-5-100-8-180, but a higher starting pay will be granted to an experienced candidate with a speed of not less than 110 words per minute. The selected candidate will also be entitled to a dearness allowance, the present rate of which is Rs. 22 p.m. and to grain concessions as admissible under the Trustees' Rules. Women are eligible.

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Bombay Port Trust, Ballard Road, Bombay, and should reach him not later than the 27th March, 1947. (2559)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from qualified candidates for the posts of computors and tracers in the scale of Rs. 40-5/2-90 with usual allowances. The candidates, who have practical experience in any engineering line and passed the tracers and computors examination from the recognised institutes need only apply.

Higher starting pay will be considered for deserving applicants.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Bombay Aviation Division,
C.P.W.D., Commerce House,
Ballard Estate, Bombay. (2573)

TENDER NOTICE

SPECIAL ITEMS COSTING OVER RS. 10,000 CLASS I CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105 Clive Street, Calcutta up to noon on 15th May, 1947.

Tender No. S/NSC/47/142 for the supply and erection of Air Conditioning Plants for 10 passenger cars as per specification Lillooah E. No. 753.

Tender forms along with specifications and with other particulars can be had from the office of the Controller of Stores E. I. Rly., 105 Clive Street, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 2 per copy to the Treasurer, E. I. Rly., 105, Clive Street, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

Firms outside Calcutta may however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores, direct by money order. No refund is permissible after payment.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office and then put into the tender box outside the Deputy General Manager (Works) room by the Tenderer or his Representative.

G. FARAQUE,
General Manager. 2592

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for two Class II Entomological Research Assistants, one permanent, the other temporary for the present, in Entomological Section, Indian Lac Research Institute, Namkum, Ranchi, on a scale of pay Rs. 150-150-10-200 E.B.-15-305. Rent free unfurnished quarters or 10 per cent of pay in lieu, will be provided. Cost of living allowance as for Central Government servants. Free medical attention for employee himself under Rules of the Indian Lac Cess Committee. Candidates should hold M.Sc. degree in Zoology (Entomology), preference will be given to candidates having post-graduate research experience in Entomology. Candidates must be in good physical condition as duties will include field work and touring. Other things being equal preference will be given to candidates with approved war service. Single inter-class fare each way will be granted to all candidates called for interview. Candidates already in service should apply through Heads of Departments concerned. Applications stating age, qualifications and practical experience together with copies of not more than two recent testimonials should be forwarded to reach the Director, Indian Lac Research Institute, Namkum, Ranchi on or before 5th April, 1947. 2602

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale Butter Paper, Bronze Powder, Post Card and Art Card at controlled prices. Apply Famous Cine Litho Works, 40 B, Clerk Road, Jacob Circle, Bombay 11. 5280

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PERCENTAGE RATE tenders are invited for the superstructure of the General Hospital at Kolhapur for the Kolhapur State.

Approximate cost of work Rs. 19,00,000. Plans and conditions of Contract can be inspected at the Office of the undersigned during office hours and a copy of the Specifications and Schedules can be obtained at Rs. 25 per copy. Tenders accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 25,000 in cash or by cheque would be received by the Architects upto 4 p.m. on 2nd April, 1947.

The owners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

MASTER, SATHE & BHUTA,
34-38, Hamam Street,
Fort, Bombay. 2591

NOTICE

WILL CONTRACTORS interested in bridge girder work rivetting etc. on 4 spans 100 feet N girders on Barsi Light Railway, communicate for full particulars with

AGENT & GENERAL MANAGER,
Barsi Light Railway.
Kurduwadi. 2593

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

TENDERS will be received by the Controller of Stores, Bombay Port Trust, upto 1 p.m. (S.T.) on Thursday, the 10th April, 1947, at his Office at Clarke Bunder, Mazagaon, Bombay No. 10, for the supply of the following:—

(1) 410 Tons Asphalt for surface dressing 80/100 penetration.
(2) 50,000 Nos. Tiles Roof Mangalore. (Approx.).
(3) 20 Tons Paint Zinc White Moist.

Tender forms giving full particulars and conditions can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned on payment of Re. 1 per copy for each item separately, which will not be sent per V.P.P.

R. C. MASTER,
Controller of Stores. 2598

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for purchase of a complete Dry Ice and C02 filling plant erected ready for operation together with land, buildings, workshop, stores, accessories, C02 gas cylinders etc. The factory is situated opposite Grand Trunk Road, Baghbanpura, Lahore, and will be open for inspections from the date hereof. Specifications Main Plant capacity 5 tons per day—German Make (MASCHINENFABRIK SURTH)—condition as good as new—total free hold land 36 Canals 17 Marlas, approximating 9 bighas. Buildings comprise main building, stores, offices, workshop.

Detailed schedules of plants, machineries, accessories, lands, buildings title deeds etc., and drawings will be available for inspection at Messrs. Karam Chand Thapar and Bros. Ltd., 26, McLeod Road, Lahore, and 5, Royal Exchange Place, Calcutta.

Tenders should be accompanied by 5 per cent of the tendered value in the shape of a Demand Draft on any Calcutta Bank payable to The Dry Ice and Refrigerators Ltd.

The Directors reserve to themselves the right of rejecting any tenders without assigning reasons Tenders may be posted in sealed envelopes marked "Tenders for Dry Ice Factory" and the envelopes may be addressed to the Dry Ice and Refrigerators Ltd., 5, Royal Exchange Place, Calcutta. (2468)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND

APPLICATIONS are invited before 10-5-1947 for the post of DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES, GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY. PAY:—Rs. 500-1150 PLUS cost of living allowance admissible under the rules. Higher starting pay admissible. AGE.—Persons not already in Bombay Government service should ordinarily be not more than 45 years on 1-7-1947. QUALIFICATIONS.—M.A. degree in History, Ph.D. or D.Litt. or an English degree in History preferable. Preference will be given to candidates who have (i) training in archives or library keeping or (ii) original research work and experience of conducting researches in old Marathi (Modi) and English records of the Indo-British period or (iii) training in epigraphy and numismatics or (iv) first hand knowledge of working and administrative experience of a public record office or a public library. Application forms supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and uncrossed Indian Postal Order for Re. 1 payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply full details on request. 2599

LEGAL NOTICES

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY NO. 25 OF 1947.

Re: LALLUBHAI KARAMCHAND, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, a Merchant, residing at No. 52, Champa Gully, without the Fort of Bombay ..... A Debtor

Ex parte: Khodidas Mangalchand ..... Petitioning Creditor.

On the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioning Creditor, presented on the 6th day of March 1947 an order was made on the 18th day of March 1947 by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1947.

SAROSH H. A. VAKIL,
Insolvency Registrar. (2603)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE

AN AUCTION for the sale of rights for cultivating municipal lands, cutting grass, taking away flowers and fruits etc., in charge of the Health Department will be held at 2 p.m. (Bombay Time) on Wednesday, 26th March, 1947, in the office of the Head Supervisor, Conservancy Branch at Annesley Road, off Lamington Road.

Particulars of sale can be had from the said Head Supervisor's office during office hours.

By order of the
Municipal Commissioner
B. C. DASGUPTA,
Executive Health Officer. 2605

G.I.P. RAILWAY.
SPECIAL NOTICE

WITH EFFECT from April 1, 1947 tickets of all classes will be issued by 27 Down and 28 Up trains between ANY PAIR OF STATIONS on the Bombay—Allahabad Section irrespective of the hundred miles restriction. (2604)

M. & S. M. RLY.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM SCHEDULED CASTE CANDIDATES ONLY to fill 10 vacancies of 'C' Grade Ticket Collectors on a temporary basis on Rs. 40/-(fixed) plus Dearness Allowance admissible under the rules:—

Minimum Educational Qualifications.—Passed S.S.L.C. or its equivalent.

AGE—Must not be less than 18 years or over 28 years of age on 15-3-47.

MINIMUM HEIGHT.—5'-5".

GENERAL.—Applications from sons of employees of the M. S. M. Ry. must be accompanied by a copy of certificate of service from an Officer of the Department in which the applicant's father is or was serving.

Selected Candidates must pass the Railway's medical test and be prepared to work anywhere on the M. & S. M. Ry. Applications must be accompanied by copies of certificates regarding education, character and sporting activities. Originals must not be sent. Candidates who are called for interview must produce original certificates.

No travelling allowance or a pass for interview is admissible.

All applications must be addressed to the undersigned and sent so as to reach not later than 10/4/1947 by Registered Post Superscribed "Application for the Post of Ticket Collector."

CHIEF COMMERCIAL MANAGER,
M. & S. M. Rly.
Park Town, Madras 3.
Madras, March, 1947. 2496

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE.

THE DEPUTY CITY ENGINEER invites tenders for providing and erecting one 3½ Tons Travelling Pulley Block and one Electric Hoist Block at Love Grove Pumping Station as per the specification attached to the form of tender.

The tenders will be received upto 1 P. M. (Bombay Time) on Wednesday the 9th April 1947.

Forms of tender, specification &c. will be issued by the Mechanical Engineer to any one deputed to receive them on payment of Rupees two for each copy. The Mechanical Engineer will, on application at his office at the Municipal Workshops, Foras Road, Bombay, give any further information that may be required.

By order of the
Municipal Commissioner.
Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay,
18th March 1947. (2601)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Muslim candidates to fill a post of SUPERINTENDENT OF AGRICULTURE (Livestock) in the Bengal Agricultural Service. The post is at present temporary for 3 years but is likely to be made permanent. PAY—Rs. 150-650. A higher initial pay will be granted to candidates possessing special qualifications and experience. AGE—must not be over 25 years on 1st March, 1947. The age limit may be relaxed in special cases. Qualifications—A candidate must hold a degree in Agriculture or degree or diploma in Veterinary Science followed by post-graduate training in Animal Husbandry in an Indian or Foreign University or in any recognised Institute: must have experience of breeding of livestock at a large breeding farm and/or experience of livestock improvement work in the field. Full details and application forms may be obtained from the office of the Public Service Commission, Bengal Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta, personally or on sending an addressed envelope with a nine pies stamp affixed. They will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Candidates who are unable to obtain copies of the prescribed form may apply on any printed or typed form a sample of which will be published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 21st November, 1946, provided that the form used is of the size, and shows exactly the wording and spacing, of the sample form, that the words of the sample are not reproduced in handwriting and that the blanks are filled in the candidates' own handwriting. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5 12th April, 1947. (2594)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BENGAL NAGPUR RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the Controller of Stores' Office, Bengal Nagpur Railway, Kidderpore, Calcutta before 12 noon on 10th April 1947.

Tender No. CS|0|6195E for the supply of Glass panes ribbed.

Tender forms with full particulars can be had from the office of the Controller of Stores, Bengal Nagpur Railway, Kidderpore, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 3|- per copy to the Cashier, B. N. Rly. Kidderpore, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

Firms outside Calcutta may however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores direct by Money Order. No refund is permissible after payment.

CONTROLLER OF STORES, (2590)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND
STENOGRAPHERS TO SECRETARIES TO GOVERNMENT.

APPLICATIONS are invited from natives of the Province of Bombay before 10-5-1947 for eight posts of STENOGRAPHERS TO SECRETARIES TO GOVERNMENT BOMBAY. PAY Rs. 150-300. AGE Between 18 and 25 years (28 in the case of Backward and Intermediate classes including Muslims) on 31-12-1947. Upper age-limit not applicable to Bombay Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS. Matriculation or equivalent examination and, ordinarily, speed of 120 words per minute in shorthand and 40 words per minute in typewriting. A fee of Rs. 10|- is payable with each application. Application forms supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and UNCROSSED Indian Postal Order for annas eight payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply full details on request. (2589)

AUCTION SALES.

VALUABLE PROPERTY AT GOKHALE ROAD, DADAR, NEXT TO PORTUGUESE CHURCH.

Under instructions from Messrs Amarchand & Mangaldas, Attorneys for the Mortgagees Mahmud Husseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy and Aziz Husseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagor Abdul Satar Esmail Begmahomed in pursuance of the Power of Sale reserved to the Mortgagees under the Indenture of Mortgage dated 26th September 1941, Messrs BENNETT & CO., will Today THURSDAY, the 20th March, 1947, at 4 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction on the premises,

A piece of land with buildings known as "Taj Building" at Gokhale Road South, admeasuring about 667 sq. yds., bearing Street No. 808AA and bounded on the East by Municipal Plot No. 42A, on the West by Gokhale Road South, on the North by the proposed 40' Road and on the South by the property bearing C.S. No. 1252.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the above mentioned Solicitors or to the undersigned.

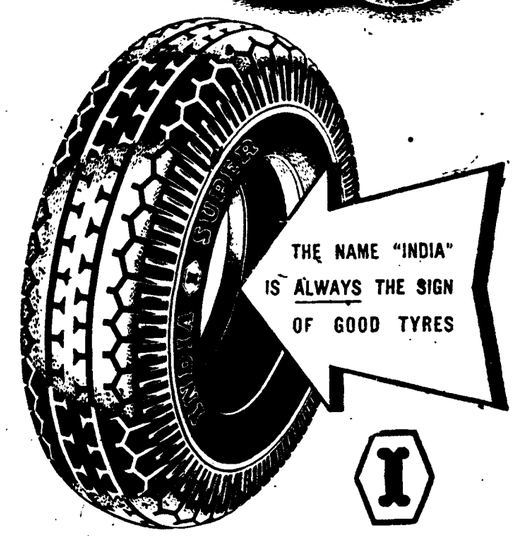
AUCTION SALE OF 22 SCAMMEL TRAILERS.

Under instructions from the party concerned M/s. BENNETT & CO., will on Sunday the 23rd inst. at 10-30 A.M. (ST.) sell by Public Auction at Haines Road, behind Mahaluxmi Race Course, Worli Dhobi Ghat:—22 Scammel Trailers, in separate lots. Terms—Cash, cheques will not be accepted, purchasers will have to pay Sales Tax.

AUCTION SALE OF TIMBER, BALLIES, PIPES, TILES, CORRUGATED SHEETS, ETC.

Under instructions from the C.R.E. Bombay, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will on MONDAY, the 24th inst. at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at R.-I. A.S.C. supply Depot, Kurla:—Timber, Ballies trusses, and then at north Kurla Camp Stores near wayside—Timber, ballies, Corrugated sheets, bamboos, planks etc. On Thursday the 27th inst. at 10/30 A.M. (S.T.) at S.D.O. store yard Malad Pipes, Bands, Slabs, bolts, drums, bars, etc. Terms:—25 p.c. cash deposit balance in 7 days.

BENNETT & CO.



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